



COLONEL YANCEY

# Colonel Yancey Heads 3d STR

Col. William B. Yancey, former director of the Logistics Committee, General Section, of The Infantry School, has assumed command of the Third Student Training Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., during the First World War. At that time he served overseas with the Sixth Division and had his first front line experience in the Vosges Mts. where the Seventh Army is now fighting.

In 1920, following the war, Colonel Yancey served with the 41st Infantry and later the 24th Infantry. Then, for nine months during 1922 and 1923 he attended the Company Commander's course at Fort Benning.

**VARIABLE CAREER**  
From Fort Benning he served three years ROTC duty at the University of Maryland and then went on foreign duty in Panama with the 33rd Infantry where he remained for the next three years.

After completing his foreign duty Colonel Yancey served with the 28th Infantry for two years at Fort Ontario, N. Y., and joined the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning where he was on duty until 1935. He then spent four years in ROTC detail at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

In 1940 Colonel Yancey was assigned to the 39th Infantry where he was in command of the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry, and later the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry.

Following Pearl Harbor he came back to Fort Benning and attended the Division Officers' class. Following which he was given command of the 1st Battalion, 39th Infantry, and later the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry.

Colonel Yancey is a native of Harrisonburg, Va.

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# Rifles Entered in Hoop Tourney

With full approval of Col. William B. Yancey, commanding officer of the Third Student Training Regiment and officials of The Infantry School, the Third STR Rifles were all set this week to participate in the Southeastern Association of the AAU basketball tournament, to be held in Atlanta Feb. 17-18-19-20.

The tournament, rated as the best that will be played in the southeast this season, will include such teams as Craig Field, Maxwell Field, the Memphis Naval Air team, Smyrna Air Base, Navy Preflight, and others including the four best Atlanta clubs. In all, 14 teams are scheduled to appear.

The Rifles, representing the Third STR and considered one of the best teams on the post this season, will be pitted against such teams as the Memphis Naval Helicats who have won 24 consecutive games this season and have a total of 1,876 points to their credit.

This gives them a game average of more than 78 points.

The Rifles have played only 11 games this season, winning nine and losing two. Their per-game average is 54 points.

# TIS Advanced Course Renamed

The Officers Advanced Course at The Infantry School has undergone a change of title and is now known as the Officers Refresher Course, officials of The Infantry School announced today.

Although five weeks shorter than the former Advanced Course, the Refresher Course will deal in general with the same subject matter as did the Advanced Course, eliminating certain subjects which have been dropped.

The new Refresher Course will be of eight weeks duration. Advanced Classes already in session will continue on the old schedule, but new classes will be on the shortened schedule.

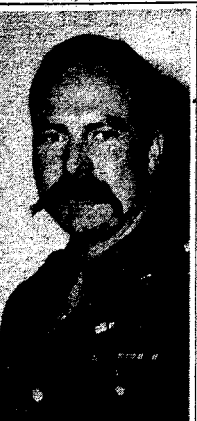
# Camp Davis Becomes Air Personnel Center

Camp Davis, N. C., former anti-aircraft training center, is being converted into an Army Air Force personnel center Thursday on the order of Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Ulmer, commanding general of the Fourth Service Command.

Any portion of Camp Davis not needed by the Air Force will be transferred by disposition to the U. S. district engineers in Savannah, Ga.

The camp Davis prisoner of war camp will be disbanded as a headquarters unit and become a branch of Camp Butler, N. C., under General Ulmer's order.

Transferee personnel at Camp Davis will be sent to Atlanta as soon as they are replaced by Air Force personnel. Civilian employees, however, will be transferred to the convalescent and redistribution center.



GENERAL STILWELL GAVE PERMISSION

—Staff Sergeant Thornton S. Glide, Jr., of Davis, Cal., is very proud of a mustache that he has nurtured for eight years. Entering the Army in February, 1941, Sergeant Glide was afraid that he would have to cut it off, but his commanding officer obtained permission from General Joseph W. Stilwell, then First Commander at Fort Ord, Cal., to leave the mustache intact. "Very much" unmarried, Sergeant Glide says that most girls are afraid of the mustache. (Infantry School Photo)

# Post Surpasses '44 Polio Gift

Without the benefit of January pay, Fort Benning has already surpassed its 1944 contribution to the March of Dimes Infantile Paralysis Fund Drive. Major Charles F. Heard, coordinator of the drive, announced Monday morning.

The total contributed through Saturday amounted to \$11,835.26, including \$139 netted at the "Music at Midnight" benefit show at the Main Theater Saturday night.

Major Heard said that the drive at Fort Benning will be wound up Wednesday when personnel will be paid for January. Containers to receive funds will be placed in the vicinity of all payables, and it is expected that contributions received then will carry the post to the unofficial \$15,000 goal set for the drive.

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# No Mileage Record No Gas, Rationing Board Says

Every fourth officer newly commissioned in The Infantry School is turning up the Fort Benning Gas Rationing office without OPA Form R-534 mileage rationing record, Staff Sergeant Louis Lipp, secretary of the Rationing Board, disclosed Tuesday.

"They came here as officer candidates, were not entitled to more than an 'A' book while here, and here they are with orders to report with an 'A' book, or to a P.O.E. They need special gas with which to get their cars home and we can't give it to them," Sgt. Lipp moaned.

"Either they lost their original records issued when they were entitled to a 'B' or 'C' rating, or they misplaced them, or their wives have them in their possession back in Kalamazoo. Regulations are regulations, and my hands are tied. I can't issue the necessary special gas without the mileage record."

Sgt. Lipp reported that within a 36-hour period ending at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday, no less than 30 officers applied for gas with which to get their cars home and all 30 had to be turned down because of the lack of the mileage record.

Stressing the absolute necessity of possessing OPA Form R-534, Sgt. Lipp urged that all personnel on the post issued this form by a board senior than the Fort Benning Rationing Board, immediately take action to secure a duplicate from the original board issuing it.

"If your first communication goes unheeded, then keep worrying them until they send it to you," the sergeant suggested. "It will be to your advantage to do so without delay. Just remember—no mileage record—no gas."

# Midnight Musical To Give Encore

"Music at Midnight" Fort Benning's own original creation relating the growth of popular American music, proved so popular in its premiere performance at the Main Theater last Saturday that it will be repeated 10 days hence on February 10, once again for the benefit of the post's polio campaign.

The repeat performance, which is by popular request of those unable to attend Saturday will be at the same place (Main Theater) and same time (11:30 p. m.) as the premiere which was attended by almost 1,500 night owls who dropped \$139 in dimes into the wishing well in the lobby.

The hour-long midnight show, which traced the growth of popular American music from its humble birth in ragtime to the present day, provided many a musical thrill for the enthusiastic audience.

# WELL-BALANCED

So well-balanced was the revue that no one act could be labelled outstanding. Everyone performed with what amounted to professional skill and the show was deftly staged with colorful and interesting costumes and lighting.

Sgt. E. Barry Sturmer did the staging while Corp. R. T. Wells was responsible for costumes with St. Sgt. Isaac Whitson and St. Sgt. Jesse Westbrook taking care of lighting and sound effects.

Costume were Helene Witlin, Alta Ruffalo and Lillia Mae Jackson. Dance specialties were provided by a team from the Rogers Dance School in Columbus and a jitterbug sextet from the Reception Center and WAC Detachment 2 of Station Complement.

# AUTHOR NARRATES

Evie David-Evans, author of the book upon which the revue is based, Corp. Dick Kiplinger, Sgt. Ray Brown, and Sgt. Connie Galsworth provided the continuity of the show, while the famed 334th

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THIS IS HAZEL... blue-eyed blonde

THIS IS JEAN... blue-eyed brunette

Signal Lab Photos by Sgt. Jack Newman

# Miss Moffett Here Monday

Marjorie Moffett, one of the world's best monologists, will appear at Fort Benning's Main Theater at 2:30 next Monday. Miss Moffett is appearing under the auspices of The Infantry School Women's Club.

Musical selections by the 22nd Army Ground Force Band of The Parachute School will precede Miss Moffett's performance. The band will be under the direction of W.O. Joseph B. Renn. The concert will begin at 2 o'clock.

All members are privileged to bring guests, officers of the club said. A cordial invitation is also extended to all new officers and their wives.

Miss Moffett, who is making her first coast-to-coast tour of the United States, is the daughter of the prominent inventor and mechanical engineer, D. H. Moffett. She is the niece of the late Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris.

Acclaimed by critics as one of the finest solo actresses of our time, many people have called her a genius, in whom one finds the rarest combination of the arts—a meeting of a sensitive and penetrating mind, capable of writing of such clear and tender quality that it is certain to become enduring, together with a power as an actress which is both magnificent and beautiful.

Her program is made up of number after number of exquisite acts—some gay—some somber—some of such emotional depth, of such numbing intensity that they are unforgettable—all possessed of intellectual overtones which distinguish them. When you see Marjorie Moffett, you know that the monologue has grown up. She has no copyright on this form of drama but she has done much for its development and holds a unique place in its history and influence.

Acknowledged before the war as one of the greatest impressionists, she had added greatly to her distinguished reputation with her

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# Blind Date Plans Made

With Valentine's Day less than two weeks away, plans for Fort Benning's gala "blind date party" on the night of February 14 moved steadily ahead this week with the announcement of the places that the 12 lucky soldiers and their luscious femme companions will be taken to during their evening "on the town."

The party will gather in Service Club No. 1 at 6 o'clock on the big day, and a bona fide blind date program will be conducted over the air on the regular "Fort Benning on the Air" program over WRBL.

During this program, each of the lucky soldiers, who are now being selected by lottery in their outfit, will be paired off with one of the girls chosen for the occasion. The exact method of "pairing 'em off" will be kept a secret until that time. However, unlike the national radio version, at Fort Benning, each soldier is assured of a date.

As soon as the preliminaries of arranging the dates are out of the way, the entire group and the chaperones will depart for Columbus in a bus being provided and decorated by the special service office, co-sponsored by the post along with the Bayonet.

Arriving in Columbus at about 7:00 p. m., the group will go immediately to the Ralston Hotel where Manager Oscar L. Betts, Jr., has promised a really delightful dinner that will probably be served in the veddy swanky Oak Room of the Columbus hostelry.

Dinner over, the blind dates will proceed by bus across the Chattahoochee to the Club Matag in Phenix City where they will be entertained by Goldie and his comedy band plus a big floor show. There will also be time allocated for dancing the strains of music provided by the former Paul Whiteman trumpeter and his lads.

After two hours at the Matag, the blinding party will move on to Southern Manor, on the outskirts of Phenix City, where again everything will be on the house, including refreshments, dancing and another sumptuous floor show.

After all of that nightclubbing, the blinding figure the entire party will be pretty well exhausted so the bus will once again be on hand to return the girls to their homes, and the lads to their barracks where they can dream sweet dreams of their wonderful Valentine Days blind-dates.

# President's Ball Slated At TPS

The current drive at The Parachute School for funds with which to fight polio will come to an end on Friday evening, February 2, with a dance for troops in the Georgia area in honor of the President's birthday.

Friday's dance will be held in the "Bo Stage Gym of The Parachute School. Located at Lawson Field, and used during the week to train novice troopers in the science of packing and using parachutes, the gym will be converted into a gala setting of gaiety and music on that night.

Technical Sergeant Norman Frohman's favored Rhumba Band, composed of 10 members of the 22nd AGF Band, will provide music and intermission entertainment. Guests for the evening will include about 200 invited girls from LaGrange and West Point, Georgia.

Scheduled to begin at 8:30 p. m., the dance will be a source of fun and relaxation as well as a means of raising more funds for the "March of Dimes" drive. Admission will be free, and refreshments will be served.

Parachutists have been made to transport troops from their areas to the gym and back.

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# Army Hospitals Without Nurses Arriving Overseas

PARIS, Jan. 27.—(Delayed)—Maj. General Paul Hawley, surgeon general of the European theater, said today that 11 general United States Army hospitals were arriving in this war zone without a single nurse because nurses in the United States were not volunteering in sufficient numbers.

The statement was made in a speech he transcribed for War Department distribution to domestic radio stations in an appeal for nurses.

# Lawson Now Training Air Cargo Resupply Squadrons

Training of new and vital Air Cargo Resupply Squadrons is now in progress at the I Troop Carrier Command Base at Lawson Field, Lt. Col. John E. Albert, base commander, announces.

Resupply squadrons are capable of dropping everything from delicate radio equipment and fresh eggs to heavy combat material. Recently, in the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations, Troop Carrier Command outfits transported and delivered thousands of tons of material and equipment daily.

With the Troop Carrier Command landing 3,000 tons of supplies daily for him in his dash across France, Lt. General George S. Patton called air supply his "life blood."

The job of "re-supply" is done generally by aircraft or glider, but when conditions prevent this the job is done by parachute or free drop.

They are employed when land communications do not exist, roads are blown out or impassable, in supplying the vital needs toward the continuance of any tactical operation, any stalemate of defense, or where any isolated fighting unit is in desperate need of supplies.

Cargo is packed for straight landing, for free drop (less fragile goods such as grain, rice, clothing, tents, and dehydrated vegetables), and for parachute drop (all fragile goods, including ammunition, medical equipment, and medical supplies).

The plan of re-supply originated in the China-Burma-India theater in April, 1943. In this wild, desolate country or jungled terrain and steep defiles, equipment that was used to engage the enemy during the campaign had to be supplied by air. General Merrill's famed "Marauders" were also equipped, clothed and fed by these vanguards of air supply.

Other major battles were kept supplied that led a general officer of the C-B-I theater to state: "No major operations have yet been held up due to lack of supplies, even under the most adverse and hazardous weather conditions."

At Lawson Field men of these resupply squadrons have been hand-picked for their aptitude, intelligence, and ability to learn in a short time the important and technical work of dismantling, crating, loading, and transporting

by air, of many heavy implements of warfare necessary to our fighting forces. They must learn to drop supplies accurately by parachute and without parachute from the open door of airplanes in flight.

Primarily, the mission of the Troop Carrier Command is to provide air transportation for airborne forces going into combat and to resupply such forces until they are withdrawn, or can be supplied by other means. Other missions include evacuation, transportation of personnel, supplies, and mail.

# OVERSEAS EDITION

The overseas edition of The Bayonet for alumni appears on the editorial page today.

Clip it and mail to a buddy.



MEN OF THE GROUND FORCES are shown preparing a marker for C-47 Troop Carrier planes to drop their supplies. This part of the training which prepares troops of the Air Cargo Resupply Squadrons stationed at Lawson Field, for their primary mission of supplying men behind the lines. In inset Troop Carrier planes zooms low over an area near Lawson Field as members of an Air Cargo Resupply Squadron drop cargo in practice maneuvers.

# Trooper Hero Back In Parachute School

Decorated twice for valor because of his duty in battle, a member of an intrepid band of paratroopers known as The Pathfinders, Captain Neal J. McRobert, has returned to The Parachute School for reassignment.

Casualty home with malaria after two and one-half years overseas and wearing three campaign stars on his European Theater Ribbon, Captain McRobert is anxious to return to his Pathfinder Unit.

Modest, unassuming Captain McRobert is a tall, dark haired, brown eyed trooper who prefers to talk about his men rather than himself. Respecting the captain's reticence, your reporter obtained the bulk of the following information from Captain McRobert's close friend, Major Edwin M. Sayre, Supervisor of Jump Training in The Parachute School, and an ETO veteran who has been awarded the DSC.

Arriving in North Africa the day the Germans surrendered in Tunisia, Captain McRobert then a company commander in a parachute infantry regiment, was stationed in French Morocco for a few weeks.

The first taste of combat for the

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CAPT. McROBERT



## 2 OC Firing Records Broken in Third STR

Two OC firing records were broken this week by members of the Third Student Training Regiment's 25th Company, The Infantry School, when the class fired on the known distance range with the Browning Automatic Rifle.

Of the 190 persons firing, 190 candidates qualified. However, not content with mere qualification, 158 OCs—or 83.2 per cent—came off the firing line with "expert" ratings. The remaining 32 were rated "sharpshooter" or "sharpshooter" 14 of these missing the expert bracket by two points or less. The remaining 18 all achieved marksmanship ratings with points to spare. High man was the First Platoon's T. B. Balthouse.

The Company's creditable BAR work added proof that the M-1 a few weeks ago was not accidental, but merely indicative of a high degree of weapons proficiency. At that time, 89.4 per cent of the company qualified with the rifle—ranking up the highest score of any class for the previous six months and barely missing the range record by some 42 per cent.

Without further delay, having established the new BAR record, the company turned in another winner. On the grenade throwing course, 24 per cent of the company threw a grenade as against the previous standing OC high mark of approximately 19 per cent for the same going.

The remainder of the company's time with the combination BAR-Balthouse-Grenade-Flame Thrower Committee failed to produce any additional record breaking. According to class members, however, this was due solely to the fact that no records exist.

## Missing Arm Fails To Daunt TPS Graduate

Recently discharged from the Army, former paratrooper Sergeant George H. Seal, who lost an arm at Anzio, visited The Parachute School and expressed his desire to renew old acquaintances and recalled some of his experiences with other members of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment which helped to defeat the Germans in Sicily and Italy.

Marvelling at the changes that have taken place in The Parachute School and remarking that he could "hardly tell the Alabama Area," he recalled the memorable battles in which his regiment wrote some of the finest chapters in American history. From the first combat jump at Gela, Sicily, to the Anzio beachhead, he told of the courage and devotion to duty of American paratroopers in battle after battle, as they sent the Nazi army scurrying back up the Italian boot.

Arriving at Casablanca with the 504th, he jumped into the fight at Gela, Sicily, with that famous regiment on 11 May 1943. They met the proud Afrika Korps and heaped more humiliation upon them.

**VERY CLOSE SHAVE**

Returning to Africa, preparations were made for the important battles to come. At Salerno, they jumped again, duplicating their feat at Gela. The German artillery barrages were tremendous and Seal can recall a "very close shave" when a shell landed just eight feet from his slit-trench. The explosion punctured George's right eardrum, but such things are minor to men like George Seal and he continued in the winning struggle against the Germans.

In a procession of battles, now in the records, George continued with his regiment in pursuit of the enemy. At the Anzio beachhead, with the Rangers, they opened the gateway to Naples. Cassino and Venafro are also part of the history which he helped to write. By now, George was hardened for the ordeal which was to follow Anzio. It is when he recalls these battles that he modestly states, "it was lucky."

George tells of the day at Anzio when an enemy shell exploded outside the window of an abandoned house in which he and members of his platoon were trying hamburgers, fresh off a cow that they had killed.

**ARM SHEARED OFF**

"I had a hamburger in each hand," he said, describing the action, when the shell hit right outside the window. Two fragments

hit me in the side and while I didn't realize it at the time, another fragment sheared off my left arm. I didn't feel much pain at the time, but I was having some difficulty in breathing.

"My buddies were working on my arm and that's when I first suspected it was gone. They assured me it was there, but I did not want to look. I asked one of them to scratch my left hand. When he scratched my right, I knew, I said, 'It's O. K. Jim you can tell me now. I know I've lost my arm.'"

Seven months in Walter Reed General Hospital have served to brighten George's outlook on life. "You'd be surprised how happy everyone is there. It's not gloomy at all," he said.

Under the guidance of the Army's Rehabilitation Program he has been prepared both physically and mentally for his return to civilian life. He has acquired many useful techniques in adapting himself with an artificial arm. Foremost is the confidence he has gained, while undergoing this process.

**PHYSICAL ED**

Asked about his plans for the future, George said, "Under the 'Bill of Rights' I intend to study physical education. I always did want to be a physical education instructor and I am now going to let a little thing like a missing arm stand in my way. That may sound funny coming from a one-armed man, but I know I can do it. I can swim one hundred yards and play softball and basketball. I guess you saw that picture of me in Time magazine playing ping-pong."

"Things aren't at all bad. I enjoy life as much as ever; my prospects are bright and, above all, I am confident of the future."

George enlisted on 7 January, 1942, and won his boots and wings on 25 May 1942. He has made 18 jumps, two of them in combat, and holds the Purple Heart with the Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantry badge, and the Bronze Star with three campaign stars. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Seal of New Milford, Connecticut.

**'Take It Easy' To Play Hospital**

The USO-Camp Show "Take It Easy" will play ASF Regional Hospital at Fort Benning on February 6 and 7, it was announced today.

First appearance of the variety show will be on Feb. 6 at the Red Cross Auditorium, and it also will play at the wards all day on the 6th. On the 7th, it will play during the day at the wards and then in the Harmony Church annex, Red Cross Auditorium at 7 p. m. on the 7th.

Don Cummings & Elsa act as master of ceremony and a comedy team. Pat Gaye, the "blonde blues singer" from Chicago, is one of the stars. Another is Gerri Shore "the girl with the chameleon voice" who sings popular music in contralto and semi-classical and opera songs in lyric-coloratura soprano.

Doreen Winter is another Chicago girl who dances. "Jolly Billy" Steinko does comedy cartoon routines; Helen Rita, accordionist; Bill Harb, pianist and Roy Smack, a Decca recording star, plays seven string instruments.

Did you hear about the soldier who learned to play the piano because a glass of beer falls off a violin?

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## Trooper's Name Is Sgt. Harvard Yale Princeton and We Ain't Kidding

"The Big Three of the Ivy League are represented at The Parachute School in the person of First Sergeant Harvard Yale Princeton of Co. 'C', 5th Infantry Regiment. 'C' don't know how I got such an unusual name," Sergeant Princeton said, "there really is no reason for it. The old man must have been a humorist I guess."

For 25 years Sergeant Princeton said to any of those colleges and I don't care who wins when they play each other. The only thing I know is I can't lose."

Sergeant Princeton has endured the torments imposed upon him by high pressure newsmen and self-styled comedians.

"Every time I turn around," he says, "someone wants a story. Even Ripley got me a few years ago and recently 'Time' the weekly magazine, had something about me. It gets stale after a while."

He hasn't lost his sense of humor, though, and he can still find time to laugh at his odd name. He is a pleasant person with a genial personality and a rugged manner, go if you run across Sergeant Princeton, take it easy on that Rahl Rahl stuff."

Sergeant Princeton was inducted in November, 1941. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Princeton of St. Croix Falls, Wis.

## Wife Receives Husband's Medal At Lawson Rites

The Silver Star and Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster were presented posthumously to Mrs. Ida M. Fuller in behalf of her husband, 1st Lt. Hollis M. Fuller, Jr., Tuesday, January 30, by Lt. Col. Milford F. Fitz, Executive Officer at Lawson Field.

Lt. Hollis, formerly with a heavy bombardment group of the 5th Air Force, was reported killed in action by the War Department last May.

An extract from the citation accompanying the medals reads: "For gallantry in action at great risk of life and against overwhelming odds on 23 May 1944, 1st Lt. Hollis M. Fuller, Jr., in command of a B-24 Liberator on which Lt. Hollis was flying May 23 received a direct hit which penetrated the bottom and destroyed the engine of the aircraft. Critical damage was inflicted to the airplane and several crew members were injured. Two of these were killed. Lt. Hollis and other equipment were blown out of the stricken bomber. Electing to complete their mission in spite of their precarious position, the gallant crew entered the target area with the other planes in their flight."

Finding the clouds completely obscured by clouds, they turned out to sea and salvaged their bombs. A course was then set for a friendly field in an endeavor to bring to safety their wounded comrades who were unable to bail out. A short distance from the field, the aircraft suddenly went out of control, plummeted to earth, and was consumed in fire.

The citation closes with the statement: "By the crew's heroic and courageous decision to complete their assigned mission, regardless of consequences, and their refusal to abandon their wounded and helpless comrades in utter disregard for their own lives, and by their gallant and valorous execution of this decision, these men have upheld the highest traditions of the military service, thereby reflecting great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America."

Mrs. Fuller, of Oakland, California, is visiting Major and Mrs. G. B. Cullison at 116 Rainbow, Ft. Benning. Major Cullison is an instructor in communications at The Infantry School.

Workmen are rushing completion of the Alabama area's new transportation center being constructed in the center of the 2nd Parachute Training Regiment's area for the convenience of the personnel. The center, which will be a terminal for all buses both leaving and entering the area, may be opened within the next week. A loud-speaker system and turnstiles, pass inspection facilities are expected to speed up the transportation system in the area.

money selling cookies and candy to buy a \$25 War Bond, a stipulation accompanied the order. "Please cancel this bond as soon as you get it; we do not want our nation to have to pay us anything back for it" was the message signed by all the children in the class.

## Veterans' Families Being Overcharged For Papers-O'Neill

That wives and dependents of men in service—and in some instances service men themselves—are being charged excessive prices for assistance in the handling of government papers, has been reported to Lieut. Alfred W. O'Neill, Post Headquarters, Fort Benning.

Lt. O'Neill says that the reports indicate that many individuals are being overcharged even for such minor matters as obtaining birth certificates, and announced that such practices are not sanctioned by the War Department.

Lt. O'Neill points out that there are Veterans Administration offices in most Georgia towns and cities and also in Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama. Local Red Cross chapters in most communities are also prepared to assist with signing and handling of government papers and applications.

The Fort Benning Officer also stated that all veterans' organizations have men assigned to do this free of charge, and that all army military posts, camps or stations, army air fields, and naval station headquarters have special officers to handle such matters.

## SCHOOL KIDS BUY BOND BUT DO NOT WAIT

SALINA, Kans., (APNS)—When the first grade pupils of the Phillips school here earned enough

## Combat Vet Proposes Soldiers' Night School

A new-type service center, devoted exclusively to the problems of overseas veterans, was proposed to the Columbus Social Planning Council (Thursday afternoon) by a Silver Star hero who suffered four wounds during a year's fighting in Italy.

Invited to discuss "What Columbus can do to help the problems of overseas veterans," the speaker, at the Council's monthly session at the Hotel Raleigh, Technical Sergeant Gerald W. Snead, 5th Infantry Regiment, The Infantry School, said that a "special overseas club" is needed because the problems of men back from combat are different from those of soldiers who still haven't served "on the other side."

His audience of 30 representatives of social, civic and business organizations listened intently as he suggested that the new club provide the battle soldier with the funds of education and recreation and "even the foods" he used to dream about during "breaks in battle."

**SCHOOL BADLY NEEDED**

"One of the best services that the 'green center' would be a night school with courses, especially planned for soldiers. Of all service men, it's the combat veteran who feels the greatest need for more schooling. He's missed many new developments while he's been overseas. And still he's got to catch up on the things he missed. He's a much-confused person after the war."

Most of all, Snead said, the combat veteran, having lived fast and dangerously, wants practical schooling that will give him a chance at security in the post-war world. And he wants to start it as soon as possible.

About 60 per cent of the overseas men he knows at The Infantry School would be interested in a service night school in Columbus, Snead declared. They would feel out of place in a regular school, because they have

different backgrounds from civilian students and also different temperaments.

"Because he's been away from the good things so long, the soldier back from overseas will seem to have 'some strange ideas of recreation,'" Sergeant Snead pointed out. "Some veterans want to have every night until their feet hurt as much as they hurt after a long march into battle." And they can't get enough of American music, especially after the Germans have tantalized them with snatches of it sandwiched into propaganda broadcasts at the front. "The overseas club had better provide constant music for dancing," Snead smilingly advised.

**JUST SIMPLE FOOD**

"Even the canteen would be different from most canteens. Believe it or not, it would be stocked with such simple, wholesome foods as fresh milk and cake, which American soldiers really yearned for in the foxholes. After my buddies and I came back we got our first supply of fresh milk. We drank quarts and quarts of it every day, and still wanted more."

A long discussion followed Sergeant Snead's talk, with concrete proposals by the Council itself scheduled for a future meeting. Captain Robert Marsalis of the Salvation Army presided; Allen Jones, head of the Muscogee Manufacturing Company, will be chairman of the February meeting as the newly-elected president.

The delegates represented, among other agencies, the Chamber of Commerce, department of recreation, Travelers Aid, Public Health Nurses Association, Social Service Index, Red Cross, and the health department.

Sergeant Snead, selected to represent Fort Benning's combat men at the session, has spent 286 days at the front, including participation in the invasion of Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio. He earned the

Silver Star for "gallantry in action" near San Stefano, Sicily. He is now an assistant communications instructor at the school.

Put Umbriago says the photographer's daughter is just like father; she sits in a dark room and awaits developments.

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The Government needs and asks its citizens in this one hundred and sixty-fourth week of the war to:

1. ANSWER THE EMERGENCY CALL for 8,000 medical workers from 20 to 50 are needed immediately for non-professional medical work in Army hospitals.
2. HELP TO RELIEVE THE DOCTOR and nurse shortage by taking a Red Cross nursing course to learn how to care for your own family.
3. INSIST ON PROPER IDENTIFICATION before cashing dependency and government checks. Last year 13,439 government checks were cashed without proper identification.
4. HELP MAKE VITAL AMMUNITION. Two thousand unskilled men are needed to speed a 33-1-3 per cent increase in production of brass strip used in small and artillery ammunition.
5. ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR MILEAGE rationing record when applying for supplemental gasoline, to expedite action on your request and to help overworked gasoline ration boards. Many motorists have failed to do so, causing needless delay and extra work.

## 2d Army Has Sign Painter Extraordinary

Sign painter extraordinary is Pvt. Robert L. O'Hara of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, whose efforts at poster art have attracted much attention.

O'Hara, a citizen of Ebensburg, Pa., where he and his father are partners in the "O'Hara Sign and Paint Supply," is an expert with paints, lettering, and with neon signs, and since he has been in the army he has painted signs that have stood him in good stead.

Painting rather than running in O'Hara's family. His father was a car painter, something which was of less a "lost art" now.

Young O'Hara, who after an apprenticeship in his father's business, came back to Ebensburg to open a paint shop, persuaded his father to join him in the business, and since then father and son have painted signs together. The elder O'Hara picking up the tricks of the sign trade from his son.

### HIS SIDELINES

Young O'Hara added several very profitable sidelines to his painting. First of all, he had erected a series of road signs, which were rented to various business concerns for the purpose of advertising. Then, a coverage plant in nearby Pittsburgh gave O'Hara a job painting signs for their Neon signs, and from this work O'Hara learned the intricacies of Neon sign installation. He soon was designing and building signs by himself, and after the war he plans to have installed in the store a complete Neon construction plant.

However, O'Hara's first love is painting, and in connection with this he has some most definite theories. "The first rule in painting," he says, "is to avoid over-crowding. To letter with neat edges. If you are neat in your work, you can always turn out good signs."

### MORE, BETTER SIGNS

O'Hara came into the Army in March, 1941, and for 23 months has been carrying out sign work at Camp Croft, S. C. In 1943 he was transferred to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., where he was assigned to the production plant there, along with stencil cutting work. Recently he was sent to the 963rd Central Postal Directory, where he is working on special duty at Fourth Headquarters, Fort Benning.

"I don't want to go back to sign work in civilian life," O'Hara says. "There's too much I want to do. So many ideas I want to put out."

Until then, however, he'll concentrate on painting more and better signs for Second Army, and he hopes to turn out some of the smartest looking signs in Fort Benning.

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## TPS Swells Polio Fund

Though the final tabulation is to be made, the Parachute School can already point to success by exceeding last year's total by more than 1000 per cent. Last year, contributions reached \$300; this year gifts total more than \$3,000.

While generous paratroopers filled the many jars placed strategically around the Parachute School and made donations on pay day, the TPS Welfare and Recreation office and basketball team cooperated in a series of special benefit shows and games which helped to boost the total proceeds. Playing both on and off the post, these theatrical and athletic performances succeeded in tapping a fresh and otherwise untapped source of contributions.

The TPS show, which played at Theatre No. 2 Wednesday night, 24 January, was so successful that it was invited to play in Columbus. It played two performances at the Bradley Hotel on Friday, 26 January and the Royal Theater on Tuesday, 30 January.

Meanwhile, the TPS basketball team will be back in Columbus on Buena Vista Ga. on Thursday, 25 January. The TPS basketball team will continue the drive with a game at Culbert, Ga., on 2 February, and a return game with Craig Field, Selma, Ala., on 3 February.

## 1st STR Soldier Has Served in Two World Wars

Pfc George M. Anderson of Headquarters Company, Service Battalion, First Infantry Regiment, The Infantry School, who has served in World War I and II.

In the first World War Private Anderson served with the 269th Infantry which was attached to the French 4th Army. While with this unit he saw action at Verdun, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, Aisne-Marne, and the Champagne-Marne.

Among some of the lighter recollections of the last war Pfc. Anderson recalls an exciting and amusing event. One night while taking messages to the front lines several messengers and he ran into what they thought was an approaching enemy patrol. They opened fire. No fire was returned. The noise had caused Creeping closer they soon discovered in the place of enemy soldiers they found a platoon of friendly troops. The place of enemy soldiers they found a platoon of friendly troops. The place of enemy soldiers they found a platoon of friendly troops.

"One thing about this war, as I see it," commented Pfc. Anderson, "is the fact that the men are receiving a much better training than they did in the last war. In fact we used to get men with placements that had never seen a gun, and we would have to give them a little training behind the lines and our equipment was well there is no comparison at all."

Pfc. Anderson is 44 years old, and has been with the 426th Ambulance Battalion, Mobile, and has graduated from the Bakers and Cook School in Fort Benning, Georgia. And he is still doing a fine job.

### AL Hostak Gets TPS Special Service Job As Boxing Teacher

Al Hostak, former world middleweight boxing champion, who recently completed his advanced training in the Alabama Area of the Second Parachute Regiment, has been assigned to special duty as boxing teacher at the Infantry School.

Under an athletic program being planned by the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments, Hostak will be one of several instructors for special boxing classes to be conducted in the gymnasium.

Training requirements and the frequent shifting of troops or personnel has led to the temporary abandonment of plans for an Alabama boxing team, but the gymnasium is available in off duty hours to those who wish to take advantage of boxing facilities.

### 2d Army Officers, NCO's Study Orientation Course

A 12-hour course in Orientation Methods was given to all Orientation Officers and NCOs among Second Army units at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., on Tuesday, 24 January.

The course, presented by team from Army Service Forces under the supervision of Major C. C. West of Second Army.

The purpose of the course is to make effective ways of conducting Orientation, the aims of the Army Orientation program, and the various topics of importance to the officers and non-commissioned officers who will be in charge of the orientation hours among the battalions and companies in Second Army.

The team is based in New York City and was requested by Second Army to give courses to all Second Army units in the United States. It is composed of Lieutenant Leonard Rich, Lieutenant Stuart Brock, PFC. Ted Waller, and Pvt. Alan Crawford.

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He says the most interesting part of his overseas experience was during the daring entry into the harbor of Safi on the morning of November 8, 1942. The 4th Infantry was evacuated because of his wounds. His heroic example of courage and selfless leadership served as an inspiration to the officers and men of his unit, and his performance reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States.

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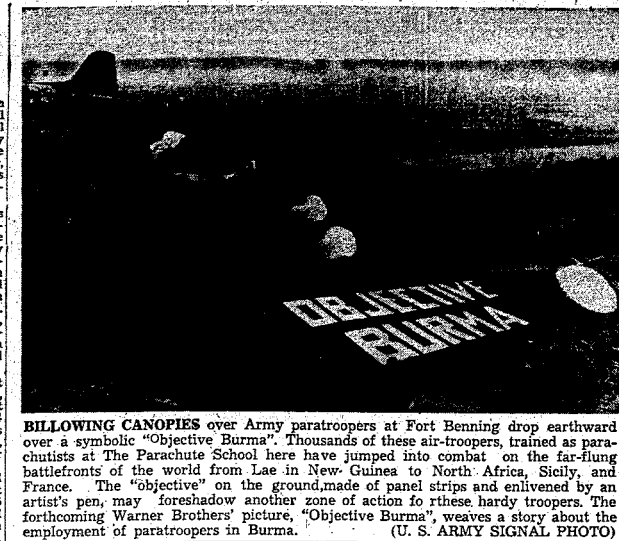
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## TIS Polio Drive Making Progress

With this week's contributions yet to be totaled, The Infantry School already has raised \$2,485.15 in the March of Dimes campaign. The 3d Student Training Regiment heads the contributors with a total of \$481.43 and is closely followed by the Academic Department, which has given \$492.90.

Unit contributions follow:

Organization	Amount
Acad. Dept.	\$492.90
Acad. Dept.	\$432.90
Headquarters, TIS	\$310.00
1st STR	\$298.92
2nd STR	\$307.50
3rd STR	\$491.43
C. O. R. U.	\$218.18
Headquarters, S. T. B.	\$10.00
Motor Pool	\$124.33
3d Inf.	\$291.48
4th Inf.	\$129.55
624th Eng. L. F. Co.	\$20.00
787th Tng. Bn.	\$27.75
401 F. A. Bn.	\$43.64
424th F. A. Bn.	\$50.00
2d Bn., 53rd Inf.	\$6.91
Total	\$2,485.15

### Party Given Convalescents

Forty-three soldier patients and four non-commissioned officers of the ASF Regional Hospital, 2d Student Training Regiment, were entertained at a four-hour dinner-party given for them at the Masonic Temple in Columbus.

A barbeque pork dinner was preceded by entertainment in the form of piano and violin solo. The party then went to an auditorium where a full program of piano and violin music was enjoyed by all. This was followed by a singer and the hit of the evening, a magician.

### YANCEY

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is a cadet in the United States Military Academy, a daughter who is a captain in the WACS, stationed with the tactical air group in Europe supporting the Seventh Army, and a daughter in the Army Nurse Corps. Another daughter, who is living in Italy, is living with him here.

### MOFFETT

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new war numbers—one on each of the 12 wicks.

SKETCHES BROADCAST

So powerful are these sketches that the one on Germany was broadcast by the German radio, and the one on Norway was broadcast by the Norwegian radio.

For nearly three and a half months and take her to over 80 cities, she will play as many programs as she can, and each works alone on a bare stage, which she illumines by her presence and which she peoples with imaginary characters so vividly that they become living beings.

### BUS

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10 and 40 minutes after the hour and from the Fryling Pan Area every 25 and 55 minutes after the hour between 1740 and 2355.

### McROBERTS

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regiment came with the Sicilian invasion. Captain McRoberts was jumped six hours before H-Hour, near Gela, Sicily. They landed 28 miles east of Gela, virtually on top of 21 pill boxes. By noon of D-day, all the fortifications in the area were in American hands and that night the regiment made a forced march to Gela with almost twice as many Italian prisoners of war as the officer and enlisted strength of the trooper regiment.

Two weeks later Trapani fell to the regiment, which stayed on in that town for a month as occupation troops. After 39 days in Sicily, Captain McRoberts was shipped back to Tunisia and hospitalized for malaria.

"According to the captain," he didn't see much action in Sicily. "It wasn't much of a show," he added.

When his company returned to

### TUNISIA

Tunisia, he was ready to lead them on their next mission which was to be a jump (U. S. Army Signal Photo).

### 'SITUATION INOCUOUS'

Later, finding the situation unfavorable, Brigadier General Maxwell D. Taylor, "Situation Inocuous," and the jump was called off. The phrase "situation inocuous" soon became a by-word in the division.

General Taylor, now a major general and commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division, recently made a return to the division from Washington to join his besieged troops and personally direct their heroic defense against the Nazi encirclement of Bastogne.

The next combat action came in the form of a reinforcing mission when they jumped on the Volturno river in early September 1943. A few days later, they participated in the capture of Naples. "There wasn't much action," Captain McRoberts again remarked.

Garrisoned in Naples as occupation troops, the regiment was briefed on the Volturno River area for a house to house action came with the request from the British for American paratroopers to spearhead an attack on the Volturno River. The men in the regiment answered the call to arms with Captain McRoberts leading one of the companies.

### REACH ARNONE

The first time they went into the line, the regiment advanced nine miles and captured Villa Literno, seven miles from the Volturno. The men in the regiment pushed over six miles to within 2,000 yards of Arnone, a small town situated on the Volturno.

The men in the regiment were a horseshoe bend, touching the town on three sides.

Captain McRoberts' company was given the assignment of making a reconnaissance in force on Arnone. Late that afternoon, they covered the 2000 yards into the town, meeting with very light German resistance.

Shortly after the paratrooper company had moved into Arnone, the Nazis attempted to re-occupy the town. Having been ordered to take and hold Arnone, Captain McRoberts led the men in repelling the German counter-attack. Accounting for ten Germans to every trooper, the Airborne men held their ground in the face of a terrific enemy artillery bombardment. They received excellent support from British artillerymen who laid down a barrage on the flank of the Volturno, making it plenty hot for the Germans who attempted forcing the stream, which at that point was about the width and depth of the Chattanooga. The Nazis who did cross the river were slaughtered by American machinegun and rifle fire.

### BRETTAR FORCE

Captain McRoberts realized that he did not have sufficient troops or ammunition to hold out indefinitely against the withering cross fire from the Germans. He sent back information to the British Headquarters and was ordered to withdraw from Arnone. His company fought its way back across the 2000 yards of "No Man's Land" to their main line of resistance. They had left just enough men to carry back their wounded.

Relieved by a famous British Regiment, the captain and his company moved out of the line back to a rest area. The British Tommies captured Arnone three weeks later. In the meantime, the Germans had been driven back on both sides of the river by the British troops.

Captain McRoberts received the Silver Star for his work at Arnone. He and his regiment and commanding officers received the Distinguished Service Order from the British Government. The DSO is equivalent to the American DSC and is the highest award given by the British Government to foreigners.

"Yes," said Captain McRoberts.

speaking of the Arnone action, "it was plenty rugged, but while, but I for think that if our ammunition had held out, we could have crossed the river."

### NO QUITTER

"He would have probably tried to cross the river," said Major Taylor, commenting on the captain's statement. "Like most troopers I've met, he never knows when to quit."

The captain was sent to the Isle of Capri for a short rest. That was one incident in his Army career that he was willing to talk about. Suffice to say that he wants to return to Capri after the war. After an all too short stop-over on that island paradise, Captain McRoberts was ordered to London to join Major General James M. Gavin's staff. He immediately plunged into planning work for the invasion of Europe.

D-Day found the captain jumping in France a few hours before the assault troops hit the beaches and landing a small unit of British soldiers who set up navigational aids for the paratrooper divisions landing in Normandy that morning.

The Fort Benning added to his Silver Star by that day's work. Having been hospitalized overseas seven times with malaria, Captain McRoberts was finally sent back to the States for long rest cure. He is now back in The Parachute School awaiting assignment. The captain hopes he will be sent to Fort Bragg to work with the Pathfinders.

Captain McRoberts completed jump training at The Parachute School in May, 1942, and is a graduate of Tulane University and The Johns Hopkins University.

### POLIO

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Major Heard expressed his appreciation to military and civilian personnel of the post for their splendid response to the appeal for funds with which to combat poliomyelitis.

Your cooperation in this drive has been in keeping with the wonderful records already made in all previous drives of this nature, and all of you are to be commended for your humaneness and for your deep interest in the present and future welfare of American youth," the Major said.

The Fort Benning contribution will be sent directly to headquarters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

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"We have learned that we cannot live alone, at peace... we have learned that we must live as men, and not as ostriches, not as dogs in the manger. We have learned... that the only way to have a friend is to be one."—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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### POSTAGRAMS

Fort Benning celebrated the 63rd birthday of the Commander-in-Chief by pouring more than \$11,000 into the March of Dimes campaign for the fight on infantile paralysis... and that total was through Saturday night only... payday was expected to swell the amount to an unprecedented \$15,000 or more.

Colonel William B. Vance, who relinquished the chairmanship of the logistics committee of The Infantry School to assume command of the Third Student Training Regiment. He was one time commander of the 389th Infantry, 98th Division.

Lt. Colonel Robert M. Ives, wearer of the Bronze Star for gallantry in action in the Italian campaign is now supply officer of The Infantry School.

Master Sergeant Samuel Sellers, veteran of the 24th Infantry, once stationed at Fort Benning, has come to the end of the trail. The old sergeant retires February 12 and plans to raise chickens either in Oklahoma or in California. That's what he has been feathering his nest for.

Fort Benning's MP Detachment Section I is not composed of stay-at-homes, no, sir. A total of 162 men of the outfit wear 345 ribbons and bronze stars, 116 of them for overseas service. And there are several Purple Heart men, in the group too.

Captain Neal L. McRoberts, former member of the paratroop Fatiguers who saw action in the Italian campaign, is back at TPS for reassignment. Sgt. George H. Seal, who lost an arm in Anzio, dropped in this week to pay his respects to his alma mater. Seal is already to assume his place in the civilian world, and says he is feeling great.

Al Hostak, former world middleweight boxing champion, has completed advanced training at The Parachute School, but is remaining with us for a spell in order to give instruction in recreational boxing.

And, believe it or not, The Parachute School's 37th Infantry has a man named Sgt. Harvard Princeton Yale. He is an Ivy league all in himself, and he doesn't give a hoot which of the three teams wins the Ivy League Football Championship.

### The Week in Sports

Lawson Field's court teams, both white and colored, always high fliers when it comes to the

### Dead Rattlesnakes Are Safe Rattlesnakes

It is not safe to play with a rattlesnake until it is quite dead and its venom sacs milked dry and the poison securely in the vials of some research laboratory.

It is not safe to play with the poisonous Nazi until he has been given the same treatment as the rattlesnake.

The Russians are sweeping into the Reich from the East; the Americans and British are whittling down his strength near the West Wall. From neutral sources come reports that chaos threatens Festung Deutschland from within—unrest among the civilians grows—riots are reported—German generals are seeking to make contact with free Germans in Russia.

Read this news—hear it over the air—gloat for a moment if you will—it's only human—but then follow it with a pinch of salt. It was just such news that lulled all too many of us into an attitude of complacency and false optimism just last December—remember?

Then came December 16, Von Rundstedt's sudden push into Belgium, and—the rude awakening to the realization that the beast is not yet dead.

Newspapers and radio are warning us that the German war machine, although mortally wounded, still has within itself a great capacity for making more trouble. Let us not wonder how this is still possible; let us accept it as a great truth until it is proven otherwise. And it will not be proven otherwise until unconditional surrender.

It is not safe to play with a rattlesnake...

### Local MPs Are Off Decorated Lot

The old fallacious idea of World War I that a man is put into the MPs only if he won't fit into any other part of the Army is given the lie in our own MP Detachment where we have a former Ranger, former paratrooper, former doughboys and MPs who have served overseas who wear 30 Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbons, 19 European-African-Middle Eastern ribbons, 19 American Theater ribbons and 33 Bronze Stars. Five of them have been awarded the Purple Heart; one of them with the Oak Leaf Cluster; 6 wear a Distinguished Unit Citation, three with Oak Leaf Cluster; one man has been awarded an Individual Citation and another the Papuan Force Citation. Seven men wear the Combat Infantryman's Badge, one of them also wearing the Expert Infantryman's Badge.

While after the last war it was a standing joke that the "MPs won the war," that is actually happening today. Instead of merely being details to pick up stragglers, as they were in 1917 and 1918, the MPs of 1945 are a corps of highly trained specialists who have gone through months of intensive training as rigid as is given any soldier with the possible exception of the

indoor sport of dropping 'em through the hoops, stole the week's spotlight by scoring upset victories over the league leaders in the Post League and the Service League and thereby establishing themselves as title contenders... The Fliers, after absorbing consecutive defeats at the hands of Craig Field and Turner Field, rebounded to bump off the Parachute School Monday night and step into a virtual tie for Post League honors with only three games remaining on the first-half card. The Troopers had administered Lawson's only circuit loss a few weeks ago—and a three-game playoff for the flag now appears imminent as the two clubs are far and above the rest of the six-club lot... Meanwhile, in the Service League, the Bombers (Lawson Field's all-colored quintet) duplicated the feat of the Fliers by stomping all over the highly-favored Reception Center Tigers, and also stepping into a virtual deadlock for the loop lead. In this circuit also, a playoff looms as almost a certainty. All of which means more excitement for the fans... In exhibitions, the Troopers polished off two powerful opponents, 3rd STR and Craig Field, but lost an Atlanta clash to the Medical Technicians from Lawson General Hospital...

In the Craig Field win, Alvin Tate of TPS emerged as the possible star of the year, kicking 31 points through the hoop in a performance that reminded fans of Milt Tocco, Dan Gabbianielli, Bill Metcalfe, Stan Von Neida, Frank Shannon, Rudy Rossmo and other greats of the past... Erwin Judolph, the pocket billiard champ of the world on five different occasions, came to the post for exhibitions, took on Corp. Don Willis of the Infantry School—and dangled if Willis didn't kick him in two out of three matches. This guy Willis, incidentally, is no slouch and is just about as classy a billiard sharpie as ever wore dog tags... A sad note of the week was the news that Lieut. George Poschner, great 176th Infantry grid hero of the 1943 season, was missing in action in the ETO... Bill Metcalfe, former Lawson Field court hero, is recuperating from an illness in a GI hospital somewhere in India... Badminton is gaining popular favor with Bill Belgrade (ex-Illinois champ) and Ralph Privett (ex-California champ) trying to form a Fort Benning team... And, oh yes, the gym canteen is no more, and classy new locker rooms are being fitted up in the ancient building... Also, both Gowdy Field and Doughboy Stadium are getting liberal doses of manure this week to get the turf ready for 1945 baseball and football.

Rangers. He gets the same training as the men of the outfit he is attached to, such as the Infantry, plus the training necessary to be an MP. When the MP goes into combat, he carries the same weapons as the doughboy, and he knows how to use them. When a beachhead is established, the MP is there to help establish it, to guard strategic points and supply dumps, and to route to the front lines the troops who follow. In order to do this, he must know which roads and bridges are open and which ones have been destroyed. He must be able to read maps and aerial photographs.

As the troops move on, the MP takes over traffic control, town patrol and often the functions of a regular police department. The MPs take over Prisoners of War, guard them, feed them and perform all administrative functions in connection with them. Specially trained MPs process all prisoners, making up all records and doing all questioning of prisoners. They must be able to speak in the prisoners native tongue in order to do this.

In a station complement the MP must be able to handle any situation from caring for a school children on the Post and picking up stray dogs to solving the most complicated murder. Today the MP is truly a highly trained specialist—and any soldier can be proud to wear the crossed pistols on his blouse.

### Benning Does It Again; Polio Drive Signal Success

Pardon our grammar, but WE DONE IT AGAIN!!!

Although the March of Dimes campaign on the Post was not officially closed until midnight last night, Fort Benning managed to better its 1944 mark with a record-contribution of \$11,535 by last Saturday. Wednesday's payday showed an considerably to the total already in and carry the final figures to more than \$15,000.

THE BAYONET takes this opportunity to felicitate Major Charles F. Heard, coordinator of the drive; Mrs. Allen D. Albert, chairman of the drive; and all of the corps of officers, enlisted men, and civilians who worked with them. But most of all we desire to congratulate the military and civilian personnel of the post, individually and collectively, for their splendid response. You have done a wonderful thing for the children of America. Your reward will be reaped in the knowledge that you have contributed to making it possible for many a little child to walk again—and smile again!

It's what we fight for after the war that can make fighting the war itself worthwhile.

Promotion of the war is not advanced by men looking for their own promotion.

A lie may go far but liars do not.

Intellectual giants sometimes get us into a jam. It always takes a moral giant to get us out.

### PUT UNNECESSARY LIGHTS OUT IN OFFICES, BARRACKS, ETC.



### OR IT MAY BE A 'BLACKOUT' FOR SOME WAR PLANTS—



### AND 'LIGHTS OUT' FOR BUDDIES AT THE FRONTS!



### ELECTRICITY NEEDS FUEL—VITAL FOR AMMUNITION!



Men in 8th Cargo outfit at Lawson Field are mystified as to how Lt. Labe's target had eleven holes in it—from eight rounds.

While in 3d Composite squadron, Corp. LaCalsey puts a new twist to an old mess hall bit of gossiping—"How," he wants to know, "did the chickens ever get around with all wings and no legs?"

Tech Sgt. Charles Hornsby walking down street in Columbus the other day saw sign on building reading "Draft Beer." Whereupon he paused in wonder and remarked, "Who'll they be after next?"

Staff Sgt. Freeman of H.Q. Det. Sec. I, had occasion to call Corp. Stewart at the Chaplain's office the other day. Apparently who-ever answered the telephone was carrying on a conversation at the time she picked the receiver off the hook, because Sgt. Freeman caught the salutation as follows: "Oh, for Heaven's sake—Chaplain's office."

O. C. Ormand E. Gage in 3d STR has coined a name for the drivers who pass up soldiers on the road to Columbus. Says he: "The guys from privates up who refuse some soldier transportation on the road to Columbus today may need a transfusion from that same soldier on the road to Tokyo tomorrow." Whereupon he submits that such persons may well be called "Autopods."

There's a chance for you, Capt. S. You might say that such guys should be submitted to the auto da fe. (Ed's Note: You auto be ashamed, Sarge.)

Ad in "Horned Toad," publication of Las Vegas Army Air Field: "For sale: Hot Water Heater—Automobile. My girl's coming so I don't need it any more."

Pvt. Ernest Lively says he learned to play the piano because you can't hold a glass of beer on a violin.

Lt. Col. Edward L. Littleton, post engineer, was engineering picture taking of the sanitary fill behind WAC Barracks. "A little over this way," he called to Sgt. Jack Newman, who was taking the pictures. "No, maybe from this angle," he continued.

"Oh, why not take it just like this—see." So intent was he on getting the picture taken from just the proper angle—that you guessed it, he backed right up to the edge of the six foot ditch and then took one step too many.

hot roast on toast, the wary waitresses gave him the well-known cold shoulder. Said she: "Look, chum! I'll have you know I never go out with privates!"

Dismantled, the GI departed, leaving his card—and a large tip—on the table.

The name engraved on the expensive calling card read, "J. Piermont Rockerbill."

And you say, "That waitress certainly learned her lesson, I hope!"

But she really didn't; she couldn't read.



Chaplain Peter Spehr

Tomorrow is ground hog day. We are all familiar with the pleasant piece of fiction which gives rise to the day. The ground hog or wood chuck waking from his winter's nap comes to the entrance of his burrow and, if the sky is cloudy and overcast, leaves the protection of his home, and winter is over. However, if the sky is clear, he is frightened of his shadow and returns to the recesses of his tunnel to sleep for six more weeks, and winter remains with us for that much longer.

This represents one of the fallacies of magic in ascribing powers to lower animals that we with all our knowledge and power do not possess. There has never been any attempt to explain how the woodchuck could make the winter come and go at granted that he does not possess that power, any effort made to describe how he knows that winter will continue aside from the illogical fright. How easy it is to make people believe something without logic and without proof.

And why the second of February? Why couldn't the same thing happen on some other day, the first, or third or fifth? Is it possible for certain times to control future events? Do certain rays and hours have sinister influences, while others carry with them an auspicious destiny? Not as such. We cannot predict that a certain day and a certain time in that day will influence all future events. Of course there are times like that, but we do not know them in advance. We celebrate two such days in our country's history in this month, but no one knew in that little log cabin in the hills of Kentucky that February 12th of 1809 that the child born there was to go down in history as one of the greatest leaders of all generations. No one could have guessed in Fairfax, Virginia, on the morning of George Washington's birth that he was going to be the leader in bringing these colonies of Great Britain into a separate existence as a great independent country.

Those are the real earth shaking events which change the course of nations, and they come unheralded, untinged.

God works out his purpose for mankind. "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever, for wisdom and might are His; and He changeth the times and the seasons; He removeth kings and setteth up kings; He giveth wisdom unto the wise and knowledge unto them that know understanding."

"How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin, Where mean souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in."

You will look in vain for God in the wind, the earthquake and the fire, because he comes to you in the Still Small Voice.

### G.I. HUMOR

Opl. "I think we ought to test that dizzy redhead the difference between right and wrong."

Pvt. "Good idea; you (cack) her what's right."

At the country club a young woman playing golf with a GI was advised by the young man to use her brassie. "I can't," she replied. "I never wear one in hot weather."

Filling out an application for dependent aid, a soldier answered "no" to the question as to whether he had any dependents.

You're married, aren't you?" an officer inquired. "Yes, sir," the soldier replied. "But she ain't dependable."

Capt. "In case of fire, what steps would you take?" Pfc. "Thirty inch, sir."

"What lovely antique furniture! I wonder where Mrs. Smith got that huge chest?" "Well, they tell me her mother was built the same way."

The real executive type is a man who can hand back a letter for a third re-tying to a red-head stenographer.

A pretty girl is like a melody—after you marry her you have to face the music.

Loopy: "I'm a Post Exchange examiner." Blond: "Well, I'm no Post Exchange."

Half the necessities of life aren't fit to drink. Son: "What's puppy love?" Father: "Just the prelude to a dog's life, son."

Here lies my sergeant; Let him lie. He's found rest. And so have I.

It isn't what a girl knows that counts; it's how she learned it.

A bachelor is a man who never made the same mistake once.

Things are becoming so confused in Washington that even the spies don't know what's going on.

After looking at photos of Japs we wonder why they hate to lose face.

"Here's a letter from your wife. She says you are the father of a seven pound boy."

"Didn't she say anything else?" "That's all except at the end of the letter she did say 'Truly Yours.'"

"I'm cutting quite a figure," she said as she sat on a broken bottle.

The foolish and the dead alone never change their opinion. Lowell.

Wise men learn more from fools than fools from wise men. Cato.

Nothing so needs reforming as

venturous story that Samuel Shellabarger has written—in which he portrays a theologically the crudeness, glibly, cruelty and passion of the sixteenth century.

The next two books I have on my list are two which I am anxious to start reading—Howard Spring's "Hard Fate" and Edna Ferber's "Great Son."

"Hard Fate" is an English story, and if Howard Spring lives up to his reputation achieved through "My Son, My Son," this should be a story worth the hours it will take to read.

But it is Edna Ferber's new book which I am most anxious for. Written after a thorough study of the history, the manners, the customs and the people of the Pacific Northwest, she has laid the setting for her story in Seattle, and her characters are real people—not called from the imagination. With success after success to back her up, Edna Ferber has again written a story of America that is as American as apple pie.

My copy of "Great Son" should arrive any day now. I've read the reviews on it—the papers, the magazines—and I'm waiting to taste the real thing.

BY EILEEN

What with one thing and another, I've finally managed to sandwich in a little reading.

After a full day in the office, and all the little chores that have to be taken care of first thing in the evening. But in spite of all that, I've worked in a book or two in the last few weeks. One of them, "Forever Amber," I can't honestly say that I enjoyed. There were descriptive passages that I, having sadly neglected the study of history during my school years, read with relish. There were pages and pages that I glared at and didn't bother to read. The story itself was weak—the characters over-drawn. And so I dispatched it in record time.

And so to new fields.

The next book that fell into my hands is the one which Cosmopolitan magazine describes as "the finest adventure story since 'Anthony Adverse.'" And it proves to be that it is said about it. Exciting, compelling—easily readable, it tells the story of Pedro de Vargas, one of the young Spaniards who went on the famous journey to Mexico City with Cortes. All the color and glory of the new world—and the beauty of the old, plus the horrors of the Inquisition and the bravado of the cavaliers! It is a thrilling, ad-

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## N. Y. Taxi Fleet Expert Had Interesting Job

The city of New York is famous for its huge corps of taxi drivers, and a man who is well acquainted with that tribe of operators, Elliott B. Racer, of the Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army.

Racer for six years previous to induction in the military was a civilian clerk with the New York Police Department, in charge of taxicab operators, and applications for licenses for the cabs in and out of the big city traffic with such marvelous dexterity have crossed his desk.

He was in charge of investigation of all applicants for past criminal records, and he also kept close watch over the cabs for violations of criminal law. "It was a fascinating work," he says, "and something new was always doing. I enjoyed all of it immensely."

When a person applied for a license to drive a taxi in New York City, his fingerprints were taken and his previous record was checked for criminal records. If either the New York City and state files or the Federal Bureau of Investigation showed anything, his application was automatically disapproved and he then had to apply for a hearing, in which he was given an opportunity to prove that he was eligible for the job. If the application was approved, the applicant was given a thorough physical examination to prove that he was capable of driving a taxi and not endangering the lives of passengers.

Another important part of Racer's job was to investigate accidents in which the city's criminal ordinances were broken. This included many types of offenses such as homicide or illegal possession of whiskey. One crime which was often committed was that of "bussing," which occurs when a cab driver takes a group of customers to a fixed destination for one prearranged price, instead of using his meter and computing the fare by distance. This is in direct competition with the bus lines, and is against the law.

The most common offense by cab drivers, Racer says, is "flag up." A driver will pick up a fare and keep the flag indicator on the meter up, instead of putting it down and then setting the meter operating and computing the fare. Then the driver pockets the fare himself, and the taxi company doesn't get it at all.

"I've come across some interesting cases," Racer tells. "Once there was a fellow whom we'll call Casey, who was arrested for selling illegal spirits. He had a certain type of whiskey which he made from alcohol, mash, and lye. He had a trademark for it, 'King Kong.' It was really potent stuff."

"Quite often we used to come across drivers who operated 'policy slips,' the numbers racket, on the side. They'd try to conceal the slips when questioned. They'd stick them in their mouths, in the linings of their clothes, everywhere."

However, Racer says, the average cab driver in New York is a law-abiding soul. "There are some 25,000 drivers in the city, and we never have more than two or three hundred cases of violation of criminal law a year. That's much lower than the average for most professions."

Racer is a Brooklyn boy, born there in 1912. He was educated at P. S. No. 40, James Madison High School, Erasmus Hall Manual Training High, and he graduated from the Rhodes School. He was connected with the bureau of attendance at the New York Board of Education before joining the Police Department. As a sideline, he does some theater work, operating and managing.

Army, previous to joining Fourth Headquarters he was with the 2531st Ordnance and the 153rd Ordnance Maintenance Companies, O. C. California, Kentucky, Tennessee, and at Fort Benning.

"My job is waiting for me when I am discharged," Racer says, "and I'm going back to it. I even got promoted in it while in the Army. It's darned interesting work, and I enjoy it a lot."

**HEINIE U-BOATS MAY GO ON RAMPAGE**

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ALNS)—When Grand Admiral Doenitz of the German Navy recently stated in a radio broadcast that Nazi submarines would deliver blows "greater than anything witnessed before," Atlantic observers didn't say "pooh, pooh!" because it is known that great improvements have been made on the U-boats, and it is stated that well-trained personnel is available.

It is declared that by use of a periscope-like air shaft, divided so that it will take in fresh air and exhaust gases, it may be possible for German subs to remain under water for from 20 to 30 days, and to recharge their batteries while submerged.

There is also a possibility that large submarines may be equipped to fire robot bombs, with American coastal cities as targets, though it is believed that the German command will regard these as more important than being used for nuisance raids on the American mainland.

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On Sunday morning, January 23, a beautiful, triptych was dedicated by Chaplains Clarence M. Walton and Clarence W. Canatux, in collaboration with the congregation, at the chapel of The Parachute School. It will henceforth decorate the chapel. The triptych is the work of one of America's leading artists, Glen Mitchell. Commissioned by the Citizens' Committee for the Army and Navy it was made possible through the generosity of Margaret Preston Boncampagni, who donated it in memory of her grandfather, General William Preston of the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

The triptych is a graphic tribute to the paratrooper. The left hand picture represents a crusader of old in armor; the right hand picture is the crusader translated into modern terms—the present day paratrooper in full equipment. Between these two portraits is an attractive design of parachutes surrounding a cross.

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**Bombing of Japan Cheers Yank POWs**

Morale of American soldiers held as prisoners of war by the Japanese in camps near Tokyo apparently has soared to new heights with the repeated bombings of targets on Japan itself. This fact, plus the cheering news to the prisoners that Uncle Sam's fighting forces are carrying the fight closer to the enemy homeland, was evidenced in a letter which passed the strict Nip censorship and was received by the prisoners of the Japanese Receiving Battalion, Recreation Center at Fort Benning.

A brother of Fort Benning's Lieutenant Johnson, First Lieutenant Johnson, penned a letter on August 8, shortly after the first of two raids by B-29 Super Fortresses on Tokyo.

"I am glad uncle is recovering," wrote the former chemist, who was captured on Bataan, to members of his family. The reference to "uncle" is to Uncle Sam, members of the prisoner's family believe, for he has no uncle in the family.

"My morale is high, health good," Lieutenant Johnson continued. "You may expect me to resume activities before too long with more vigor, experience and capital."

**ALABAMA POLY GRAD**

Lieutenant Johnson was a chemical engineer for the Coca Cola Corporation in Manila following graduation from Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1935. He completed a tour of Japan, China, Singapore and the East Indies returning to Manila on November 1, 1941.

When the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor on December 7, the lieutenant who had a reserve commission in Chemical Warfare branch, schools on 7 November, 1941, at The Parachute School. He arrived overseas 9 June, 1942, and after a short stay in England, he left for the invasion of North Africa.

The plane in which he was traveling was damaged by anti-aircraft fire over Oran. A landing was made, however, and Sergeant Johnson, who was wounded, survived the flight.

A short stay in Africa followed by a brief two weeks in Sicily were a prelude to the battle of Avelino, Italy, in which Sergeant Hahn was captured.

**BEHIND NAZI LINES**

He jumped with his battalion 35 miles behind the German lines. "We were cut off and the moment we were surrounded by our buddies and myself were surrounded," Sergeant Hahn said in discussing his capture: "I could see German infantry all around and a German half-track coming up a road. We took refuge in a clump of bushes by the side of the road, but we were surrounded."

"We lay there for so long our bodies became cramped. Finally, someone moved and accidentally shot at us, attracting the German sentry. He called for help and about 12 Nazis moved in on us. I knew the jill was up."

"I wanted to make a break for it, but it was useless. We were right in the middle of a German tank camp, bristling with armor. STUCK TO BOOK

Sergeant Hahn, being the ranking non-commissioned officer, was brought before a German intelligence officer and questioned. The sergeant remembered his training and gave no information to the enemy, except his name, rank, and serial number.

"One prisoner camp followed another and then the break came at St. Angelo di Lombardi, where he was attending Allied wounded prisoners, and from where he escaped."

"While at home on furlough, Sergeant Hahn married a yeoman second class of the Waves, "The prettiest girl in the world," he says, displaying her picture with pride.

**Trooper Outwitted Jerries To Battle Them Again**

A paratrooper who outwitted the Nazis by escaping from a concentration camp in Italy has returned from overseas and arrived recently at The Parachute School. Staff Sergeant Gordon R. Hahn, paratrooper medic of the famed Parachute Infantry Battalion, rejoined his organization following his escape and fought again against his captors with added vengeance until he was wounded at Venafro.

Wearing the Purple Heart and European Theater of Operations ribbons with three campaign stars, Sergeant Hahn is now attached to Co. "S," 1st Parachute Training Regiment, The Parachute School, awaiting assignment.

**TOO HUNGRY TO EAT**

"It was during an air raid when the German Army was retreating that I realized my opportunity to escape," Sergeant Hahn said. "Two of my buddies and myself got away unnoticed in the confusion. We ran our way into the hills and headed in the general direction of the Allied lines. We traveled for five days and six nights, finally reaching an American command post. During that time we ate nothing but raw potatoes and a couple of D ration bars. They gave us a good meal at the command post, but we were so hungry we couldn't eat."

Sergeant Hahn rejoined his outfit and a month later moved on to Venafro where he was wounded. During the action an S mine blew up. Sergeant Hahn was hit with flying fragments. Two of the fragments tore through his stomach and part of the bones were knocked out of his leg.

**MAD MEN FIGHT BACK**

"That was a whole of a battle," he said, "the Germans fought like madmen but we knocked them out of there ahead of schedule."

He spent four months in a Cassablanca hospital and was returned to the United States and hospitalized at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, for nine months.

Sergeant Hahn was inducted in June, 1941, and won his wings and

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**Wac Technicians to Wear Rose Beige Ex-Academics ETO Casualties**

The Army Quartermaster Corps has developed and is now producing a new, short-sleeved dress of rose beige cotton print resembling chambray for use of WAC technicians assigned to duty in hospitals.

The dress is designed for members of the Women's Army Corps who receive special medical and surgical technician training and are assigned as technicians aides to Army medical officers and nurses. This distinctive dress for Wacs in hospitals will replace present blue cotton crepe uniforms.

The new WAC dress is tailored in one piece, fastens down the front with buttons to match its color, and has a buttoned belt. It has a fold-back collar, and insignia are worn on the collar, the U. S. on the right and the caduceus on the left.

First delivery of the dresses is expected shortly. Each uniformed Wac technician will be issued nine of these daily laundered dresses. They are for wear only while on duty in the hospital. They will not be worn by officers.

**Soldier Hanged In Guard Slaying**

Private John J. O'Connor, 19, of Massapequa, Long Island, N. Y., convicted by an Army court martial for the fatal shooting of a soldier at Fort Benning in March, 1944, was hanged at the post Sunday night in execution of the sentence.

O'Connor had been charged with fatally shooting a soldier-guard. The guard had O'Connor in his custody when the latter was in the post stockade. While engaged in a fatigue detail on the post, O'Connor allegedly wrested the guard's shotgun from him, shot the soldier, and then made good an escape.

Within a few days, civilian and military police apprehended O'Connor in Tartaville, S. C. The execution was performed Sunday night with the only spectators court-martialed by the authorities. The court martial, which convicted O'Connor of the crime, the case was reviewed by the War Department which concurred in the sentence of death by hanging.

**ARMY ACADEMY GETS TEAM OF YEAR TITLE**

NEW YORK, N. Y. (ALNS)—The football team of the United States Military Academy (West Point), which had an unbeaten and untied record for the 1944 season, was the selection in the Associated Press poll for "team of the year." With baseball, football and other team sports included, the Army team, out of 87 ballots cast, was named one of 78 of them, with 57 firsts, 17 seconds, and 4 thirds.

The St. Louis Cardinals, National League baseball team, winners of the World's Series, took second place in the poll, and the Randolph Field football team, third place.

**ALL WAC TRAINING AT DES MOINES, IOWA**

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## Ex-Scribe Covered Texas School Tragedy

Covering the disastrous school house explosion at New London, Texas, in 1937, highlights the newspaper career of Sgt. Henry L. Moore, of Company A of the 89th Signal Operations Battalion, Second Army unit stationed at Camp Pine Grove Area of Fort Benning.

Moore, who has done newspaper work all over the South, has an interesting tale to tell about his part in reporting news of the greatest school disaster in the country's history, because not only was he probably the first broadcaster to describe news of the tragedy over the air, but he was also one of the first reporters on the scene, taking pictures and writing stories which the United Press sent all over the country.

"I was working on the city desk of the Dallas, Texas, News at the time," Moore says. "It was ready to go on the air at 4 p. m. with my news summary, and at 3:51 I glanced at the teletype to see the late developments. The AP flash was just coming through, seconds after the explosion occurred. I read the flash over the air, and throughout the remainder of the 15 minutes I had brought to me all bulletins which were coming in over the wire."

As soon as the broadcast was over, Moore hurriedly informed his publisher, who immediately arranged for ambulances from Paris, La. to go to New London, 105 miles away. "I went in on the first outside ambulance to reach the scene," Moore tells, "and by putting my camera under my coat I got by the guards disguised as a doctor. It was a horrible scene. I don't know how terrible battle is, but after seeing all those torn and mangled bodies of children, I don't think battle could be much harder to look at."

Moore filed copy with the United Press, and his bylines appeared all over the country. "It was a big story, and a terrible one," Moore says. "It was probably caused by carelessness. The school was known as the richest in the world, because of the valuable oil and natural gas well on its land."

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# Basketball Ballet!



**THE GALS LEAP HIGH!**—This unusual shot snapped last Saturday at the gym during the WAcademics-Bell Bomber clash shows three of the female players in mid-air during a scuffle under the Bomber basket. The leaping gals are Mary Brooks and Elizabeth Sidlauskas of the WACs and Ann Stephens of the Bombers. Coming up at the right to get in the midst of things are Ruby Preston and Virginia Curry of the Benning sextet and Betty Moxinga of the Atlanta visitors. (Signal Lab Photo by Pic. Phil Charleston.)

# Lawson Field Fliers Lead Post League

## 2nd PTR Boasts Big-Time Boxing Squad

### Troopers Bow To Speedy Airmen In Crucial Tilt

Lawson Field's speedy court machine struck with sudden fury at the post gym Monday night, smashed out a 44-36 win over the Parachute School in one of the year's biggest upsets, and thereupon stepped into a slim but certain half-game lead in the Post League race for first-half laurels.

Although the Fliers are actually a half game ahead, theoretically they can still be deadlocked by the Troopers, who have an unplayed game with the fourth-place 89th Signalmen that cannot be settled until next week.

If the Troopers win that one as well as their other three remaining tilts, and the Fliers do likewise, then the race will end in a deadlock between the arch rivals and necessitate a three-game playoff to decide the first-half champion.

#### PLAYOFF LIKELY

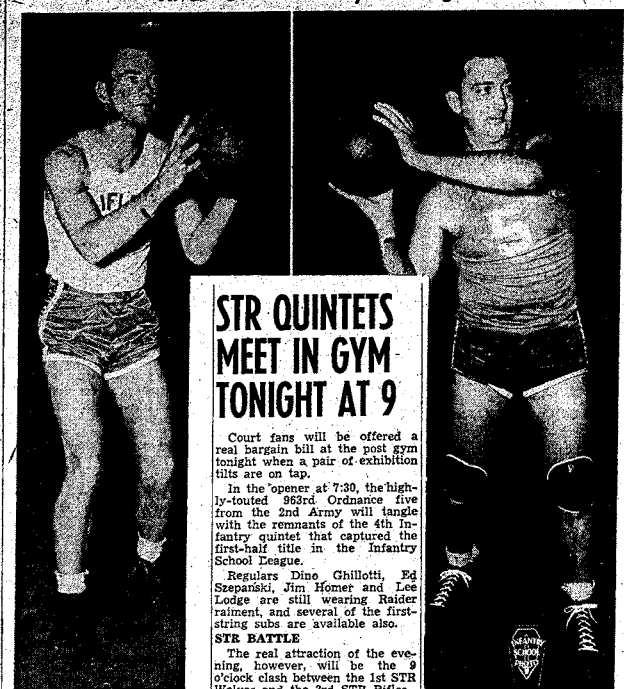
And at this writing, this is more than a remote possibility because both clubs are in high gear now, and are not likely to be stopped by any other troop rival. The Fliers, in turning in their Monday night win really stole the week's court spotlight. Off comparative scores in week-end games against Craig Field, the Troopers rated something like 28 points better than the Fliers. But that evidently meant nothing to Lieut. Phil Gullo and his Air Force cohorts, because they stepped right out to an early lead on TPS, saw their advantage wither and at halftime, the rivals were deadlocked at 19-11.

#### BLAZAK ILL

But with big Bill Conway leading the way in the final periods, the Fliers moved out in front again and were never headed. In all justice to TPS, however, the losers were minus the services of Brownie Blazak, their stellar guard who is also a reliable point-getter.

Conway paced the evening's scorers with seven twin cylinders and five fouls for 19 points, but his total was almost matched by Alvin Tate, sensational pivotman of the Troopers who chalked

### Rival Guards at Gym Tonight



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### STR QUINTETS MEET IN GYM TONIGHT AT 9

Court fans will be offered a real bargain bill at the post gym tonight when a pair of exhibition tilts are on tap.

In the opener at 7:30, the highly-touted 963rd Ordnance five from the 2nd Army will tangle with the remnants of the 4th Infantry quintet that captured the first-half title in the Infantry School League.

#### STR BATTLE

The real attraction of the evening, however, will be the 9 o'clock clash between the 1st STR Wolves and the 2nd STR Rifles. The STR rivals both have powerful court machines and this will be their first meeting of the season. The Wolves finished third in the TIS League and have compiled a good exhibition record, while the non-league Rifles have a splendid slate for the campaign.

#### REGULAR FIVE

The Wolves will probably open with their regular fivesome of Bob Montag and Bill Arnold at forwards, Mel-Baer at center and Dan Vujnovic and Cal Grosshush at guards.

For the Rifles, it will be Sid Payne, Stan Johnson, Tod Sloan, Bob Fulton and Bill Matter in the opening lineup.

figure was matched by Nick Malcolm of Turner Field, however. Bob Sweeney, of the victors, with 14 markers, was runner-up in the evening's scoring sweepstakes. Turner Field will play a return game at Lawson Field on February 22.

### Al Hostak Captains Ring Team

The steady beat of the punching bag and the thump of boxing gloves resound with regularity these days in the Second Parachute Regiment's Alabama gym as the regiment's top flight team works out in preparation for a series of matches being arranged by the Special Services Office.

With the exception of a flyweight, Sergeant Joe Thigpen, athletic director for the Alabama Area, has a formidable team of leather pushers, headed by Al Hostak, former world middleweight champ. Al, now on special duty with the Special Services Office, after completing his advanced training as a paratrooper, acts as instructor and captain of the squad.

#### RAFFA ON HAND

In addition to Hostak, the team will be composed of Mike Raffa, ranking NBA lightweight contender, who has lost four of 52 professional fights, and holds a knock out victory over Joey Archibald, former lightweight champ. Mike's youth and speed are two of his greatest assets, and like many another promising boy, the Army grabbed him up before he could get a crack at the championship.

Frank Esposito, a heavyweight who fought professionally as Frank Ahern, dropped out five out of 34 fights, and now taking his advanced paratrooper training, is another member of the squad. Ringside spectators at the Alabama Gym note that Esposito has lost none of his punching prowess as a paratrooper.

Gerald T. Chandler, brother of Spud Chandler, Yankee pitcher, also trying his advanced paratrooper training in Alabama, will be the team's light heavyweight. Chandler is the Texas AAU light heavy champion. Chandler is suggested by capable of giving anyone his weight a rough time in the ring. Injured in an auto-

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### WACademics Set For Cochran Field Foe After Bowing To Bombers In Thriller

By SGT. WALTER MILLER

After splitting two hard-fought games at the post last weekend for a total of nine wins in 12 starts, the WAcademic basketballers of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School, will take on the Cen-Tennial Cotton Gin sextette at the Harmony Church Sports Arena tonight (Thursday) and the Cochran Field WACs at the Post Gym on Saturday. Both contests are billed for 8:30.

Still to meet defeat at the hands of a Columbus team after six clashes with the Bombers, the WAcademic servicemen are expected to win by a safe margin over the Cen-Tennials, who have bowed four times in league tilt. The stars to watch in the Columbus lineup will be Hayes at forward and Carl at guard.

The WAcademics will also try to preserve their winning streak against Women's Army Corps competition on Saturday, having previously spanked the Moody Field and Camp Rucker WAC Detachments. The Cochran Field visitors will arrive by plane for the second all-WAC court attraction at the gym this season.

#### MUSCOGEE BOWS

Last Friday the WACs again defeated the Muscogee Manufacturers, 39-29, but it was nothing like their 68-21 runaway last December. Actually trailing at the end of the first quarter, the WACs scored a slight lead by halftime and not until the final period was victory certain. Gibson, Muscogee star, capped the evening's scoring honors with 21 points. Fischlin and Sidlauskas sank 16 points each for the servicemen, with Hall accounting for the remaining seven.

So far only Atlanta civilian teams have been able to defeat the WAcademic. Last Saturday the visiting Bell Bombers eked out a 23-20 victory in the second overtime period of a fast, rough game with the servicemen.

#### EARLY LEAD

After blizzing to an 11-2 advantage in the first quarter, the WAC offensive was slowed down to 17-9 at the half and stalled at 19-16 by the end of the third.

### TIGERS BOW TO ATLANTA COLLEGIANS

By PFC. ULYSSES KEYS

The aggressive Reception Center basketball team bowed to the tall, fast stepping Clark College Panthers in a game played in Atlanta Saturday night at the Sunset Casino by a score of 54 to 22.

The youthful Panthers started the game off at a terrific speed and within five seconds of play had made a couple of goals and had the Tigers on the defensive. The one-sided score soared higher and higher until the Tiger quint warmed up.

#### LATE START

Oscar Pendleton dropped a ball in the goal as the first on the Tiger team and like an electric spark the spirits of the team gained confidence and tore into the Panthers' offensive and for a while appeared to overcome the lead gained by the host team.

A newcomer to the Tiger team, George Stearns, was a former Clark player. He gave good account of himself against the players with whom a few weeks ago he had played to aid his school in maintaining its impressive standing in the basketball competition.

#### SINGLE GOAL

His former team mates watched him, however, and held his points down to a single goal. Another new player was with the team. He too, a former Atlanta and distinguished himself as a star on Morehouse college team. He is Edwin Smith who played forward with the Tigers.

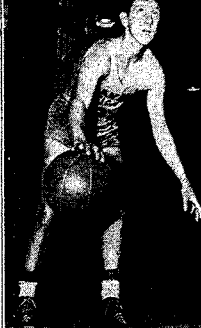
#### GOOD RECORD

Clark Panthers beat the Tuskegee Army Air Force cagers by 12 to 6 in a game played at Tuskegee Institute by 62 to 40 earlier this season. In a game against Morris Brown, the Panthers led with a score of 45 to 23.

The only defeat sustained by the Tigers in the Service league was last Friday night when the Lawson Field quintet won.

A return match between Clark Panthers and the Reception Center Tigers will be played at Ft. Benning February 10. It was announced by Corporal John H. Patterson, manager of the Tigers.

**TRUTH STRANGER**—Reading to pass away the time on a restricted weekend, OC Charles Randolph, of the Third Student Training Regiment's 13th Company, The Infantry School, found irony just a little too much when he read the to his hope for his birthday. He was advised: "December 21 (Sagittarius)—Before 9:15 a. m. will be best used for 'marking time' so do not start new or important ventures. You may feel as if you were being restricted or limited."



**FORWARD BUDDY MORAN**  
... Ace in Flier Attack

up 18. Buddy Moran, slippery forward, had 10 for the Fliers. 11 OUT OF 17

The victory was Lawson's sixth in the league against one loss, that to the Troopers a few weeks ago. The Fliers now have a seasonal record of 11 out of 17, and have tallied 850 points against 728 for their opposition.

Bill Whalen tops the Flier scorers with 74 points for the 17 games but he tallied closely by Conway with 165 and Moran with 162. George Jones, a reliable guard from Worcester Tech, is another heavy scorer with 121 markers for the year.

#### FINAL GAMES

The Fliers have remaining league games with 89th Signal (Friday), Medical Detachment (Monday), and 1st PAF (next Friday). Besides the 89th, the Troopers must face Medical (Friday), 401st (Monday) and 424th (next Thursday). Tomorrow night's games will be at the gym, while Monday's are on tap for the sports arena in Harmony Church.

In other games during the past seven days, Lawson jumped 424th last Thursday and Medical eked out a 38-36 win over the same club Monday in sports arena games. Because of conflicting activities, the 401st was forced to forfeit a pair of games to Medical and 89th Signal during the week.

### Hostak Assigned To Alabama SSO

Al Hostak, former world middleweight boxing champ, who received assignment to the Alabama area of the Second Parachute Training Regiment, has been assigned to special duty with the area's Special Services Office.

In an athletic program being planned by the office, under the direction of Sergeant Charles Hostak will be one of several instructors for special, recreational boxing classes to be conducted in the gymnasium.

### CRAIG FIELD SPLITS WITH POST QUINTS

The Craig Field Fliers from Selma, Ala., paid a two-day visit to Fort Benning over the past week-end and engaged to split a pair of games with the current rivals for domination in the Post League.

Friday night, the visitors romped to an impressive 57-50 triumph over the Lawson Field Fliers at the Post gym, but Saturday night at the Post gym, it was a different story when the Selma five bumped into the Paratrooper School.

#### TROOPERS WIN

When the final tally was marked up on the boards Saturday, TPS was on top, 76-55, after turning in one of the finest performances of the entire campaign. The wildly cheering crowd watched in awe as Alvin Tate, jumping-jack center of the Troopers, turned in one of the most brilliant individual performances ever seen at the post. Tate dropped in 4 field goals and added three free throws for a 21 total for the evening. This figure has been bettered only once before at Fort Benning.

#### HAD SUPPORT

Tate had plenty of support, however, from the rest of the Trooper quintet, all of whom played brilliant ball. But in the final analysis it was the crack pivot man who was most responsible for the TPS victory.

Ben Gould, with 15, and Bob Capelhart, with 14, were the big point makers for the visitors, but the Craig Field defense could not keep Tate away from the basket and no one from the flyer quintet could match the Troopers' stars scoring ability.

The Troopers got off to an early lead and at one point in the ball game scored 23 straight points to hold a 31-9 advantage. The contest at half time favored TPS, 37-24. In the final half the Troopers kept bearing down and the score skyrocketed to its final tally.

Bill Cook and Monte Phyl paced the fast-moving Craig Field five to its triumph over Lawson. The former had 16 points, while Phyl, who also coaches the visitors, marked up 15. Buddy Moran and Bill Whalen were the heavy scorers for the losers.

The Selma quintet got off to an early lead and never lost their advantage throughout the game. Lawson Field tried valiantly, but they never could quite match the sharper shooting of their Alabama rivals.

### FLIERS MEET EGLIN FIELD

Eglin Field's crackjack court machine, rated as one of the finest in the country, will fly in from its Florida base for a battle with the Lawson Field Fliers at the Lawson gym Saturday night at 8:30 P.

The Floridians were recently rated among the top service quintets in the country in a basketball survey.

The Elgin Field squad is headed by Jim Brantley, 1943 court captain at Alabama, and Larry Paffrath, former Pitt All-American.

#### EX-COLLEGIATES

Other former collegiate stars on the club are Walker of Rice, Mercer of Penn, Spragins of Mississippi State, Kley of George Washington, Morris of Michigan, and Hise and Crowe of Iowa.

Lieut. Phil Gullo's fast-moving Fliers, current leaders in the Post League, will be well primed for the invaders with a starting quintet composed of Buddy Moran and Bill Whalen at forward, Bill Conway at center, and Tom Hall and George Jones at guards.

Elgin's visit with a trip to the Florida base on Saturday, February 10th.

### Turner Field Tops Lawson Fliers in Game at Albany

The Lawson Field Fliers dropped a hard-fought court tilt to Turner Field at Albany, Ga., last Saturday night by a 50-41 count in the first meeting between the Air Force rivals this season.

The Turner lossers hopped off to an early lead, held a 23-12 advantage at halftime and could not be headed in the second half. Bill Whalen, classy Lawson forward star from Notre Dame, was the big gun of the losing attack, firing in eight field goals and four fouls for a 20-point total. This

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MEN'S and BOYS' OUTFITTERS

## An Army Wife Shops In Columbus

By Phyllis

When the first ray of sunshine ventures forth all the young boys in our neighborhood shed their overcoats and jackets as if that were a signal that football and soccer weather were here for a good long while. This week both boys and their parents will shout with glee about the polo shirts offered by SEARS ROEBUCK COMPANY in a variety of colorful styles. These shirts, ideal for rough and ready boys who wear from size 8 to 16, are well-made of sturdy cotton in long-sleeved styles. Red and navy blue stripes or green, purple and brown combinations. Why not select several of these values for your young son while the full selection is available.

Play shoes are a "must" on the shopping list of all women who seek comfort as well as style in a pair of shoes. The substantially made Joyce, Penelope, Daniel Green and Easy-Goers play shoes offered in brown, black, navy blue, red, green and beige. Both fabrics and leathers are featured in this collection. Authentic sandals, ties or step-in styles with flat heels or wedges make shopping, walking or golfing an easy matter on the feet. Tomorrow trot to town and hope that you'll find some of these quality play shoes in your size... they're selling faster than hotcakes... so hurry now.

Ever-intriguing products of the Herb Farm Shop are stored exclusively by KIRALFY'S in Columbus. This long-famed line offers cosmetics, culinary seasonings, both oils. The lightly-scented, milled soaps combined with the effective cleansing cream and Under Powder Mist lotion are the foundation for a 20-point total. This

KAYSER - LILIENTHAL, INC., suggests one of the new spring handbags by Lewis as an ideal St. Valentine's gift for this coming February 14th. These unusual values are well-fashioned of fine, durable fabric and are trimmed with French shell. They are all softly hand-drawn and you'll like the beautiful lining. The black bags are available in envelope or strap styles. The brown ones, and these are a good, rich, dark brown, mind you, are made in envelope styles only. If you have a gift to give or need a new handbag for your own use and pleasure you'll be well pleased to select one of these worth-while bags which are most reasonably priced, however with tax extra.

The J. A. KIRVEN COMPANY has a wealth of most attractive gift suggestions for Valentine's Day ranging from inexpensive costume jewelry to couples of luxurious, sweet-smelling perfumes. Rayon stockings are an item which is almost certain to be well received as handkerchiefs, either plain white or colorful prints. Outstanding in this unusual gift assortment are the colognes and perfumes offered by top-notch couturiers, Hattie Cantor, who has recently entered the field of cosmetics. "Hypnotic" is a scent which should delight the discriminating. For "heart interest" surprises, visit Kirven's.

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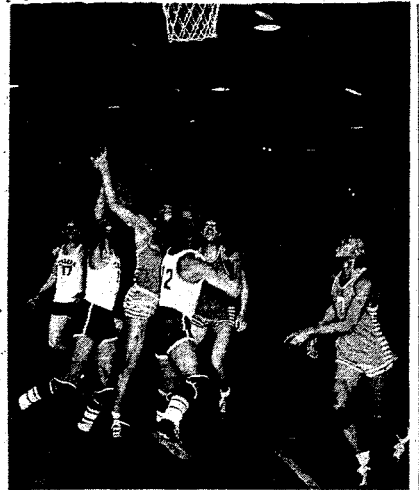


# RC Tigers Hold Slim Lead In Hot Service Loop Race

By PVT. HAMILTON SMITH

In spite of their overwhelming 54-33 setback at the hands of the Lawson Field Bombers last Friday night at the Harmony Church Sports Arena, the Reception Center Tigers were still astride the heap in the red-hot Service League race Wednesday afternoon when the Bayonet went to press.

However, the Tiger margin was the slimmest possible, a mere half game, and if the Bombers proved victorious last night in their scheduled clash with the 3rd STR Panthers, then the Reception Center and Lawson Field are now deadlocked for the lead with a playoff for the first-half imminent.



Signal Lab Photo by Pfc. Phil Charleson

## HOT ACTION IN SERVICE LOOP ... as Tigers down Reds at Gym

### Mel Baer of 1st STR Wins TIS Scoring Race In Romp

By SGT. JOHN T. CRONIN

Scoring 96 field goals and 35 free tries for a total of 227 points in 13 games, Mel Baer, the sensational forward of the 1st STR Wolves had little trouble annexing high scoring honors in the first-half of the Infantry School league.

Baer, who played basketball with Los Angeles Junior College prior to entering the service, uses a deceptive one-hand shot, which he learned from the hard way—many from outside the 15-foot line and others from scrambles under the hoop.

**TICCO SECOND**  
Milt Ticco, crack forward of the 5th Infantry Shields, took the second slot with 161 points. Ticco played in 10 games, three less than Baer.

John Partenheimer, player-coach of the Academic Profs, displayed the best eye from the free line and converted 48 times on trips to the charity mark.

The Profs and 4th Infantry Raiders each put three men in the "Big 12." The Wolves, Cockades and Shields each two. The 787th Tankers failed to get a man in the first 12 high scorers.



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As the standings read late Tuesday after the Tigers had walloped the 2nd STR Marvells, 51-26, and the Bombers had earned a forfeit victory over the TIS Rockets, the RC fire was on top with seven wins and a loss, with Lawson close behind with six and one.

The 3rd STR Panthers were third with four-and-three, while the other three entries were strung out behind with the Marvells, Rockets and 1st STR Reds lining up in that order.

#### PANTHERS THIRD

The Panthers held on to their third-place spot by virtue of a 44-41 win over the Reds Tuesday at the gym—and if by chance they managed to upset Lawson last night in the play-off of a postponed tilt, the 3rd STR might have to be reckoned with in the stretch drive.

In the post gym last Wednesday, the Tigers downed 1st STR by a score of 50 to 32.

With Charlie Spears, crack Tiger center, recuperating from leg injuries in the post hospital, Lawson Field defeated the Tigers, 41 to 32, before the largest Service League attendance of the season at the Harmony Church sports arena. The tilt was called at 7:30 p. m. last Friday night.

**PLAY-OFF SEEN**  
This year's championship, according to the prediction of many fans will be determined by a play-off between Reception Center and Lawson Field. From all indications, this forecast seems to be a certainty at this point.

In their first hardwood prancing the Tigers played Lawson Field to submission, but Lawson evened the score Friday night.

Corporal John H. Patterson, Tiger manager, and Corporal Clifford R. Jones, Tiger coach, say that it will be a different story in their next match for the Tigers are determined to take the trophy this year.

**BUSY SCHEDULE**  
Service league teams will keep the hardwood floors hot during the ensuing week. On Friday night, the 3rd STR will attempt to balance their account with the RC Tigers at the Harmony Church sports arena in the 7:30 game.

At the Lawson Field gym on the same night the 2nd STR will attempt to settle an old score with Lawson Field. These games may decide the race.

Wednesday night will find the 3rd STR's battling the 2nd STR at the Harmony Church sports arena at 7:30 while at the Service Hall, also on Wednesday, Lawson Field will attempt to add one more victim when they play the 1st STR Reds in the final game of the first half.

### GUARDS EDGE OPELIKA PWC IN THRILLER

**BY CPL. "TAP" GOODENOUGH**  
Still rolling along the Victory Highway are the galling Guards from the Fort Benning Prisoner of War Camp who have won more triumphs on the basketball courts last week, bringing the tally up to eight wins out of the last nine games—and five in a row!

The whole town's talking about the thriller staged at the Ninth St. USO between the above outfit and their "natural" rivals, the quiet wearing the colors of the Opelika PWC, which was nosed out in a photo finish, 28-26.

The hard fought contest had the large throng of spectators biting their fingernails—and each other—until the final outcome of the game was decided.

The visiting hoopers journeyed to Columbus with a very impressive record, they had a big squad, with every player over six feet in height. But the GUARDS had more fighting spirit and finesse.

The local team led by a narrow margin at the half. In the third period, the Opelikas tied the score and the game continued in a nip-and-tuck fashion, the pace fast and furious.

#### MERRIWELL END

With only twenty seconds remaining, diminutive and dynamic Ray Smith, GUARDS' forward, executed a "Frank Merriwell" stunt, and sank the winning goal—on a rebound—from under the basket.

Starting for the GUARDS were J.L. Maloney, center; Smith and Craig forwards; Meyer and Tegner, guards. For spares, the team had more than usual: Lewis, Callahan, Joe, Dougall, Rodgers, Nalls and Horn.

Each man played a fine game, with Tegner's performance worthy of extra notice, this chap averaging 11 points against tough opposition, and using up energy until he was taken out for a rest.

While L. Maloney was in action, Pfc. Singleton coached from the bench.

**TOP CUSSET**  
Taking the Cusset town team its stride the GUARDS travelled to this town last week, where they ran up 51 points against their hosts' 22.

The starting lineup consisted of Horning and Meyer, guards; Hegner, forward; with Smith and Craig, forwards.

Lewis, Dougall, Callahan and Tegner also contributed to this victory. Callahan's long shots highlighting the battle.

The GUARDS will meet this same aggregation this week in a return "match," and a small ad-

**CHAMP AND CONQUEROR**—Here's a shot snapped at Service Club No. 1 as Corp. Don Willis watches Erwin Rudolph, five-time world billiard champ, line up a shot during one of their three exhibition matches. Rudolph won this one by a 125-87 score, achieving a run of 48 straight points. However, this victory was little solace to the distinguished visitor, because in their other two matches at Lawson Field and Harmony church service clubs, Willis administered severe thumpings to the world-famed billiardist. At Lawson on Friday, Willis won by a 125 to 73 score, and in the "rubber match" at HC late Saturday, Willis thumped Rudolph by an overwhelming 125 to 49 count. Nice going, Don! (Signal Lab Photo by Pfc. Phil Charleson.)

### OC Lou Bauerle's Athletic Career Includes Boxing, Wrestling, Track

Heading the list of amateur champions of his company, Lou Bauerle, officer candidate in the 3rd STR, has had a career as author, boxer, coach, runner and wrestler that might well make mass younger men envious.

Though a small town boy born in Cape Girardeau, Mo., it wasn't long before young Bauerle racing feet had carried him to fame as number two man in the National Intercollegiate Indoor Quarter-Mile. With this initial success behind him, Bauerle went to the University of Illinois and thought he would become a world-renown trackster.

In those prosperous, peaceful days of 1937, the Olympic sports were the dream of every young athlete. Though lacking vital experience, Lou still made the final try-outs for the Olympic team, being beaten by Lupton of Northwestern at Madison Square Garden. However, when the smoke finally cleared, Bauerle was left with a broken heart.

After his return from Michigan, he was sent to the 135 pound class in the 1938 Olympic trials, where he was decisively beaten by Bauerle, being pinned in one minute, three seconds. No one denied "The Groaner" the unofficial championship at his weight.

While studying law and minor-ing in physical education, most of Lou's spare time was spent on the mat or in the ring. He was undefeated in three years of Big Ten competition, runner-up in the Big Ten invitational boxing tournament in his senior year.

#### GOLDEN GLOVES

Later in his senior year, he won the sectional Golden Gloves at Joliet, Ill., at the Chicago Finals in 1931 when "The Groaner," now known as "Punchy the Pint Pugilist" met Ross, who was the champion of his weight class.

After six years he foresaw opportunities in the ladies' unmentionable industry in Atlanta, so he moved there, but he never here and became a salesman.

Prior to entering the Army last Spring, Bauerle gave judo demonstrations for the Army and Navy at Charleston Navy Yard; Parris Island, and Georgia Tech. In connection with judo, Bauerle has been awarded the "outdoor" prize for training all over the country.

mission fee will be charged, to benefit The March of Dimes.

#### BOWLING BLUES

The PWC Bowling League is rolling again, and six teams engaged in hot competition these cold winter nights at Bowl-Mor alleys. The comical names that were used to designate the five-man teams in the first half have been discarded in favor of numbers, although there are still some "Sad Smokey" among the bowlers.

Officers heading the teams are: Capt. Daley, Capt. Camp, Capt. San Filippo, Lt. Schmidt, Lt. Smith and W.O. Jones.

Highest scorer at this writing is Sgt. W. Purvis, who rolled a three-string total of 482, with a score of 161, in Sgt. DePuis has been pressing him.

**ROD AND GUN RAMBLES:** Smokey, among the bowlers, his faithful hound in search of coons the other night. The only prey that turned up, however, was a cat named "Smoky" and his master, who believed that discretion was the better part of valor! Everyone in the area got a good laugh out of it.

Statistics show that "any man who loves fishing and hunting, owns a dog, and smokes a pipe," is a "Roman Express." And if you find a dog in the bathtub, pull the plug out!

### Frank Goss Urges Local Golfers To Guard Against Ball Shortage

That Fort Benning golfers are faced with a shortage of golf balls in the near future, unless the greatest care is exercised by everyone, is the prediction made this week by Frank Goss of the Fort Benning Officer's Club.

A good golf course, the delight of a golfer, will do him no good unless he has golf balls to knock around. That is the gloomy picture confronting Fort Benning golfers today, according to Goss.

#### NO NEW BALLS

There have been no new golf balls made since December 7, 1941. Soon after that date, the Golf Ball Manufacturers Association got together and decided to reprocess old balls.

It was estimated that there were between 30 and 40 million golf balls throughout the country suitable for reprocessing, lying around in golf bags, practice bags, lockers, and in homes. A lot of these balls have been brought out and reprocessed.

**REJECT 20%**  
Some have gone through the reprocessing mill many times and have deteriorated so much that they have to be re-

jected as unfit for further reprocessing. The present rate of rejection is over 20 per cent, and this rate is increasing as the balls become older.

A player who buys a ball today is indebted to the player, who, previously, had turned that ball in to be reprocessed. A lot of officers come here without golf balls and they have to be supplied if they are to play; also, a lot of beginners pick up the game here and they have to have golf balls, and beginners are not noted for their ability to make a golf ball last any too long.

#### TAKE 'EM AWAY

A number of these officers, when it comes time to leave Fort Benning, leave with golf balls in their possession, which helps cut down the number of balls available here.

Under these conditions, it is easy to figure that the supply of golf balls for Benning golfers will be exhausted in a near future, unless everyone who enjoys the game does his part by seeing that all old balls are turned in and none are carried away.



### TAP'S SPORTS

**BASKETBALL IS BOOMING!** The great game continues to increase in popularity, as evidenced by the interest shown in this sport by the post, where numerous teams compete each week, representing many of the organizations.

Fair sex... with the WAC: demies... Hopping about on the hardwood courts is an excellent way in which to keep physically fit while many believe the pastime to be more rugged than football.

Did you know that it is our only sport which is purely of American origin? It was conceived by Dr. James A. Naismith, who was a physical director at the "Y" in Springfield, Mass., in 1891. For goals, old peach baskets were hung over the ends of the gym.

Basketball was first played with 7 men on a team, then 9, and 8... Before the war, there were 20,000,000 participants throughout the world... In the United States alone, there are over one million rite players.

**AN S.W.R.I.N.G. MAIL:** "You often write about horse racing, but have you ever been on one?" Believe it or not, this scribble once rode sleepchairs and runners, as a "gentleman jockey."

The last race in which we had a mount was at a half-mile track in Massachusetts, in 1932, and we finished a glorious last—although the horse pulled a tendon when running third in the backstretch.

Also, properly enough we finished in front in our first start and initial race, on a stout-hearted stallion, and a fact at a New England Fair.

### Capt. 'Dutch' Reischling New Prof Baseball Coach

BY SGT. WALTER MILLER

Captain Carl E. Reischling, former University of Tennessee catcher who coached the 1944 First STR Blue Sox to the post service league championship, has been appointed coach and manager of this year's baseball Profs, it has been announced by Colonel Edward P. Passalacqua, commanding officer of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, S.W.-PACIFIC VET.

The team which Captain "Dutch" Reischling, a veteran of the Southwest Pacific, placed on the diamond for the First STR service battalion last year was one of the fightingest nines seen at Benning in a long time.

Two games behind the Reception Center at the end of the first half they wound up in a tie with the RC's for second half honors and took two out of three games in the last half playoffs. Then, again facing the Tigers for the season playoffs, they swept the first three games of a three-out-of-five series to earn the post title. Their season record was 41 games won, one tied, eight lost.

#### "HARD WORK"

Coch Reischling, who speaks with a slow Tennessee drawl and a perpetual half-smile, says that his only coaching technique is "hard work." Just a bit beyond the best age for actual playing himself, after 15 years on various teams, he keeps in good trim nevertheless and today weighs the same as he did 20 years ago!

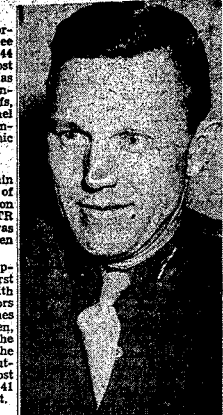
After playing basketball, football and baseball in school and college, he caught for Harley-Holt in the Nashville league in 1928 and later played semi-pro ball in Knoxville.

Commissioned at the University of Tennessee in 1928, he went on his present tour of duty in 1940. He spent nine months in New Hebrides as a company commander and served as battalion executive officer at Camp Roberts before coming to the school a year and a half ago. He has been with the Academic Regiment for two weeks.

In civilian life he practised law for 10 years in Knoxville and went on "stumping tours" during every major state and federal election campaign. He now resides with his wife, the former Miss Virginia Hanson, at 402-D Lumpkin road.

### Col. Ives Named Infantry School S-4

Lieut. Col. Robert M. Ives, who has been with the Tactical Section of The Infantry School, was recently appointed Supply Officer of The School by Major General Fred L. Walker, Commandant. Colonel Ives, a holder of the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge, saw action during the Italian campaign.



CAPT. REISCHLING ... Prof Diamond Boss

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**WON SILVER STAR**

His battalion was attempting to take Hill 1017 on the Volturno River front in Italy when he received his citation for the Silver Star. The Germans had heavily mined the hill, and the mines held

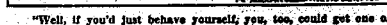
Sergeant Sale's only comment on his close escape from death was that Others of his squad were not lucky, but at the end of the action his squad had captured 10 Germans and killed 10 of the enemy.

When Sergeant Sale returned

**BRONZE STAR TOO**  
His Bronze Star award was re-  
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"The unburdened mules moved more off to their olive grove. The men in the road seemed reluctant to leave. They stood around, and gradually I could sense them moving, one by one, close to Capetown, to Waskow, to the river. I began to look, finally, to say some thing in thankfulness to him, and to

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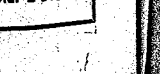
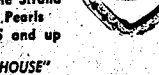
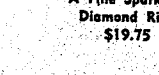
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straightened the points of the captain's shirt collar, and then he sort of rearranged the tattered edges of the uniform around the wound, and then he got up and walked away down the road in the moonlight, all alone."

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## Medicos Save 97 of Every 100 Wounded

More than 33,000 casualties were returned to this country in the month of December alone, not including casualties resulting from the German offensive.

This report was given by Lt. Margaret Blackwood, member of the Army Nurse Corps stationed at the Fort Benning Regional Hospital, yesterday in a radio interview. She gave as authority for the statement a January 15 report from the office of the Surgeon General of the United States.

Lt. Blackwood was the featured speaker over the Public Relations Women at War program broadcast over WDAS each Tuesday at 5 o'clock (EWT).

The officer's figures in regard to healing were as startling as were the casualty figures. She said that the record of lives saved has now reached the high peak of 97 out of every 100 wounded.

**EXPERT NURSING**

When asked how Lt. Blackwood maintained, is due to expert nursing care, first aid, front line surgery, blood plasma and early evacuation from battle areas.

"Military hospitals in this country are reaching capacity," Lt. Blackwood said. "Not only do nurses overseas need help but those who have served two and three years abroad are tired to relief and rotation time."

Lt. Blackwood, who comes from Greenboro, N. C., has seen service in Australia and New Guinea, and was in the Pacific Theater for almost two years. She was one of the first 18 nurses who went into New Guinea and one of the nurses who took care of wounded boys who are young and look like boys of 20 who look 30 and men of 30 who look 50 because of their suffering.

**NEVER ENOUGH NURSES**

When asked how it felt to be one of the nurses who actually saved life, she said she couldn't tell exactly how it felt, because, "when you are in a whole room—or tent—full of men so desperately ill that each one of them needs a special nurse, and all of them crying out to you for help, you have time to wonder how YOU feel. You only wish there were 10—or 50—of you! There are never enough."

When asked if her life was pretty hard, she answered, "Rugged is a nice word for it! The going is hard—but we lived in tents without floors and acted as an evacuation hospital. Eighteen of us took care of 750 patients a day. We had no special hours, we just worked until we got through. All graduate nurses were asked to register at the Red Cross Professional Office, 218 Flower Building, First Avenue and Twelfth Street, Columbus.

## Trooper Served in Two Theaters Under Two Flags

Seldom does a paratrooper have the opportunity to serve in two theaters of operations under two flags. Such a man is Private Alexander Govostes of Hg. and Hq. Co., The Parachute School, who has the rare distinction of wearing both the European Theater of Operations and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations Ribbons.

He served with a group of hand-picked Canadian and American fighting men in Spain as the First Force, for which he volunteered upon completion of his basic training.

Private Govostes' training at Fort William H. Harrison, Montana, was varied and arduous. Long before actual combat, the rigors of warfare became very real and vivid to him. In addition to becoming a qualified paratrooper, he scaled cliffs thousands of feet high, with only a thin layer of earth and a few rocks to support him. Skinning, mountain warfare, and later amphibious warfare, were all part of his daily routine, planned with a view to meeting the ever-changing demands of global warfare. Never before in history have two separate groups of soldiers cooperated more thoroughly than the Canadian and American units.

**50-50 BASIS**

The force was built on a fifty-fifty basis. Each country contributed half the strength in officers and enlisted men. The Canadians and Americans became buddies; they rubbed elbows at the samechow tables, they shared the same barracks at night.

"We got to know them and they got to know us," Private Govostes said. "It wasn't long until I knew I had picked the right outfit. The Canadians were excellent soldiers. Some of them were Commandos and veterans of Dunkirk."

"Our first promise of combat came in August, 1943, when we landed in Sicily and were all set to go to work on the day. I guess they knew we were coming though, because they sure pulled out in a hurry. It turned out to be a dry run."

**1ST TASTE OF COMBAT**

The outfit returned to the States and in a few weeks sailed for Africa. They followed the war up into Italy and their first taste of combat came in an area a short distance from Naples. "We fought the Germans off up there and then again at Venzano. I also got in on the fighting at Cassino. Things were getting

pretty rugged when I was put out of action by jaundice. After spending a month in the hospital at Cassino, I rejoined my outfit on the road to Rome, and battled the Germans all the way. I entered Rome on 4 June, 1944 with the victorious 5th. I have never seen people as happy as those Romans were when we entered."

"Our unit was resting after the victory at Rome when I was selected to return on rotation," Private Govostes' home is in Detroit, Mich.

## 9 TIS Grads Get Silver Stars

Nine former members of The Infantry School have recently been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the war. The War Department announced.

They are: 1st Lieut. Samuel V. Wilson, a resident of Rice, Va., who was commissioned at the school Aug. 17, 1942, and who, while in Burma, with utter disregard for his own safety, returned to a previously evacuated area under a terrific artillery barrage to aid some of his wounded men who could not be evacuated.

Capt. William J. Vaughn, who took the Communications Course at the school in 1942, receiving his award for leading a supply carry-party, including a number of litter teams and medical personnel, through enemy-held territory to an isolated rifle company in the Pacific at a time when the company was in need of medical supplies, water, rations and ammunition. En route to the company, Captain Vaughn exposed himself to enemy fire and neutralized all enemy resistance.

1st Lieut. Joseph C. Ricker, a resident of Union, N. J., who was commissioned at the school August 19, 1942, received his award for initiative and courage displayed in Normandy.

1st Lieut. Doyle E. Acker, a resident of Fremont, Neb., who was commissioned at the school October 20, 1942, received his award for knocking out three enemy machineguns in France, enabling his platoon to continue an attack.

2d Lieut. Charles F. Montano, a resident of Gloversville, N. Y., who was commissioned at the school April 15, 1943, received his award for leading salvage groups under heavy artillery and mortar fire to retrieve weapons abandoned upon the field of battle by the enemy.

2d Lieut. Clarence L. Guffey, a native of Helena, Mont., who was commissioned at the school May 22, 1943, for attacking and killing an enemy machinegun crew which had been lying in ambush and using their weapons to fire upon withdrawing enemy troops.

1st Lieut. Robert R. Hammond, a resident of Medford, Ore., who was commissioned at the school June 12, 1943, received his award



## Adventurous Diver Is Now Paratrooper

"Adventure is my business," said Sergeant Robert J. Farrier in explaining his transition from deep-sea diver to paratrooper.

When Sergeant Farrier was inducted on December 4, 1941, he was forced to leave his diving gear behind. His love of adventure and desire for the unusual kept him from leaving behind. So it is not strange that this yearning to conquer the elements should eventually lead him to The Parachute School.

Suspended in midair above the surface of the earth by a parachute, he found to a lesser degree, the same joy he once knew beneath the surface, roaming the depths of Davey Jones' locker.

"Making a jump from a plane is not unlike diving," he says. "The feeling between the two are similar, and jumping has given me more confidence in myself and my ability."

ed the waters in detail. I have some nifty ideas for improving divers' suits, and taking some of the dangers out of diving. Gold is where you find it and I know where to find it."

Such plans may sound weird and imaginative to the average man, but to me like Sergeant Farrier they are a reality far beyond the wildest dreams of any fiction writer.

Sergeant Farrier is a member of the 1st Academic Company and an instructor in "C" Stage. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Farrier, of Stockton, Calif.

**HIS FIRST LOVE**

However, his first love is diving and he hopes soon to be back in the element in which he is happiest and be of benefit to the war effort. He has requested that the War Department assign him to the task of helping to clear harbors and channels of sunken craft.

"They tell me Manila Bay has been turned into a graveyard of dead ship ships," he says. "I sure would like to get in on that deal and clear the channels out there."

In civilian life Sergeant Farrier made his living diving for sponges off the coast of Florida. He also had experience in salvaging cargo from sunken ships. When the submarine "Squalus" sunk off the coast of New England a few years ago, Sergeant Farrier volunteered to assist in the rescue of trapped survivors, but as this was a Navy job, he was not accepted. He was also associated with Gene Noel, one of the world's greatest divers. He aided Noel in setting the world's record dive of 485 feet in Lake Michigan.

His post-war plans will carry him beneath the calm waters of the Caribbean Sea in a search for pirate gold once carried in the holds of ancient galleons.

"Those ships have been sunk for centuries," he says, "and have thoroughly investigated all stories of sunken ships and I have chart-

## 6 TIS Officers Get Silver Stars

Six officers, who received their commissions from The Infantry School, have received the Silver Star for gallantry in action, one posthumously, the War Department has announced.

They are: 1st Lieut. William S. Joseph of 5011 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Illinois; 1st Lieut. Vincent P. Kramer of 3015 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana; 1st Lieut. August T. Maumus of 33 Fernham Pl., New Orleans, Louisiana; 2d Lieut. William A. Hoefs, Jr., of 120 Dewey Ave., Watertown, Wisconsin; 2d Lieut. James A. Krucas, 1118 Eighth St., Racine, Wisconsin; and 2d Lieut. Theodore Gregory, of 1351 Findlay Ave., New York-New York. Lieutenant Gregory was awarded the Silver Star posthumously.

Drunk (on phone): "Ish dis Spruce tree, tree, tree."

Voice: "No, this is Walnut fir, fir, fir, fir."

Drunk: "Scuse me. Wrong

for leading his machinegun platoon in an attack which neutralized several enemy machineguns, depriving the attacking enemy of much of its fire support.

2d Lieut. Lewis O. Horton, a native of Charlotte, N. C., who was commissioned November 19, 1942, was awarded the medal for leading his platoon through a heavy attack to close a vital road junction. His valiant leadership inspired his men that they made their advance in the face of the fire and closed the gap.

2d Lieut. Alfred L. Horn, a resident of Mattoon, Ill., who was commissioned at the school August 4, 1943, received his award "for gallantry in action in Normandy, France."

## Lawson Foreman's Device Described in 'Plane Facts'

A recent issue of the Air Technical Service Command's magazine, "Plane Facts," announced details of a new piston and cylinder cap wrench for the installation and removal of two position propellers that grew from the idea of Jack M. Chambliss of 52F Baker Village, foreman of the Propeller Division of the Maintenance Engineering Department at Lawson Field, a base of the 1 Troop Carrier command, where many different type propellers are serviced for various aircraft.

"Plane Facts" stated that unlike the old type wrench which would slip down into the piston and thus cause unnecessary disassembly of the entire sub unit, this new adaptation has a welded shoulder added which permits the tool to remain rigid and in place. The welded shoulder rests in a flange near the cylinder top, lining up the piston safely with the propeller shaft and allowing the application of sufficient force.

"Upwards of 45 minutes is the estimated time saved by using this device," stated 2nd Lt. Samuel E. Goodrich, Aircraft Engineering Officer of Lawson Field, which services the C-47 two engine transport of the Troop Carrier Command and other aircraft, as well.

Mr. Chambliss, a native of Columbia, has been with the Aircraft Engineering Shops since July, 1942. Prior to his present job, he was engaged in maintenance engineering and majored in electrical study at school, and attended two propeller specialist schools, one at Brookley Field, Ala., and the other at Warner-Robbins Field, Ga.

Despite heavy war work, Mr. Chambliss manages to maintain an active participation in the civilian pilot training program in Columbus, having been a licensed pilot since 1941.

## War Changes Keep TPS Orientation Office Very Busy

"Hey, that map's all wrong—the Russians outflanked Nowy Sacz 24 hours ago."

Pity the harassed orientation non-coms and officers of the Second Parachute Training Regiment in the Alabama Area, for they claim to have erected a Frankenstein monster in the past two weeks, which, coupled with the recent activities on both the western and eastern fronts, keeps them awake at night mulling such terms as "Czesochwa" and "Siemianowice."

The Alabama area has launched a campaign to take top-honors in Fort Benning's orientation installations. As part of this program, huge new bulletin and map boards, 16 feet by eight feet, have been erected throughout the area, and a system established to keep the maps up with almost hourly changes on the war fronts.

That the program has been successful was reflected in the reports of the orientation workers who are harassed by troopers reporting minute mistakes and outdated battle lines. As the Russian drive progressed, the map boards were attracting unusual interest on the part of men in the Alabama area, who flocked around the boards during off duty periods.

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## Old Friends Get Together Again

Close friendship of several years standing was renewed last Thursday when Col. Ralph W. Rogers, chaplain, Fourth Service Command, visited with his former companion, Major Paul K. Buckles, Fort Benning post chief chaplain.

The two chaplains served near each other for four years prior to 1938 when Col. Rogers was chaplain at Langley Field, Va., and Major Buckles pastored a Presbyterian church in Hampton, Va.

Colonel Rogers spent Thursday trying to follow the swift-moving Russians.

Construction of additional boards and the placing of smaller map-displays in orderly rooms, day rooms, mess-halls, and many other points continues from day to day and it is the goal of orientation officers to make men of the Second Parachute Training Regiment the best informed troops at Fort Benning.

touring the post chapels on a periodic inspection trip of posts, camps and stations with the Fourth Service Command.

Lulu McConnell, of CBS, "If Pays to Be Ignorant," finds nothing amazing in the fact that cats have nine lives. There used to be a frog in the vicinity of her country house that croaked every night!

"D'ya mind if I jump on your head?" Jack Kirkwood asked one of the stooges on his CBS comedy show. "I feel like a walk around the block."

**GENERAL GIVES BLOOD, NOT HIS DISPOSITION**

SHAFF, Europe (ALNS)—Getting in line to take his turn at a blood donor station for men in the armed forces, General Dwight Eisenhower gave his pint, had his coffee, and was on his way when another soldier in line who recognized the supreme commander declared, "Hey—that would be the blood to get!" General Ike overheard the remark and answered, "If you do, I hope you don't inherit my bad disposition."

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# 7 TIS Men Decorated By General Walker

Seven members of The Infantry School were presented awards by Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant, at a ceremony Monday afternoon at Todd Field. Present at the presentations were Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, assistant commandant, and Brig. Gen. William G. Walker, commanding general, School Troops Brigade.

Review troops were furnished by the 424th Field Artillery, under the command of Lt. Col. Ferdinand J. Lapeyre. Citations were read by Maj. R. W. Vahlberg, plans and training officer, and Maj. C. V. Waite, executive officer, commanded the troops. Music was furnished by the 221st AGF Band.

The Legion of Merit was presented to 1st Lieut. Allan L. Swain, communications section.

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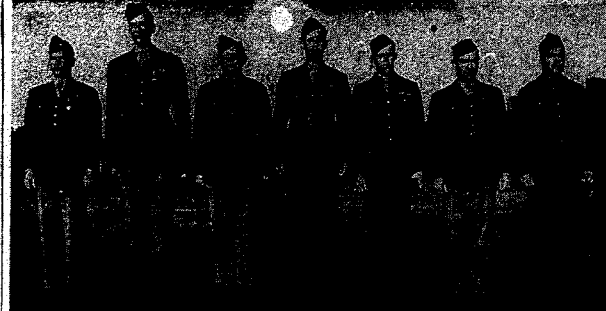
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**AFTER DECORATION CEREMONY**—Seven members of The Infantry School are shown after a recent ceremony at which Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of the School, presented them with various awards. Left to right, 1st Lieut. Allan L. Swain, Legion of Merit; Capt. Stanley T. Farwell, Soldier's Medal; Capt. Roy R. Van Dusen, Jr., Bronze Star; Captain William E. Keller, Bronze Star; Tec. 3 Ralph L. Jessop, Bronze Star; Capt. Orrin Tracy, Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart, and Sgt. Anthony M. Maggio, Presidential Unit Citation. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School).

ters" during the period from December 17, 1943 to February 23, 1944.

Tec. 3 Jessop, while with the 13th Infantry in Italy from September 18, 1943 to June 4, 1944. He received the citation for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services" during this period.

Captain Farwell, serving with the 13th Infantry in Italy from September 18, 1943 to June 4, 1944, designated an attachment for a telescope which enabled him to observe the enemy's movements at night; conducted the Division Commander through occupied Germany on a successful reconnaissance patrol, and at another time saved an advance command post from capture.

Captain Tracy received his citation for "wounds received in action against the enemy on May 28, 1944, near Arina, Italy. The First Marine Division, Reorganized, of which Sergeant Maggio was a member, "executed forced landing assaults against a number of strongly defended Japanese positions" on Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Gavutu, and the Solomon Islands during the period from August 7, 1942 to December 9, 1942.

A big truck lumbered along a muddy road in England, with a load of fertilizer. Beside the driver, a private, rode a captain. They were challenged a number of times by sentries, and each time, the officer would reply, "A captain, a load of fertilizer, and a private." Finally, the driver could stand it no longer. Tearfully, he asked, "Sir, the next time we are stopped, would you mind letting me outrank the fertilizer?"

Judy: "That girl frankly admits she's looking for a husband."  
Trudy: "So am I."  
Judy: "I thought you had one."  
Trudy: "So I have, and I spend most of my time looking for him."

The Good Conduct Ribbon has been awarded to 155 MPs and the American Defense Ribbon is worn by 70. Other awards are Combat Infantryman's Badge, 7; Expeditionary Medal, 1; Drivers Medal, 2, and Mechanics Medal, 1.

**Howard Adds Early A.M. Bus**  
To accommodate personnel who must arrive on the Fort Benning reservation earlier than the present free shuttle service permits, the Howard Bus Line is adding an early morning schedule over the same routes to connect with the 0500 (EWT) schedule to the post.

The free shuttle service has been revised to include stops at the Dillingham Bridge and moved ahead five minutes to permit personnel sufficient time to cross the bridge and connect with the new Crawford Coach Company's 0535 and 0735 bus runs to the Alabama area of the reservation.

Eight runs are made daily to the Alabama area, starting at 0535 and including 0735, 1000, 1530, 1830, 2030, 2230 and 0100. On Sundays the schedule calls for nine buses starting at 0900 and continuing each two hours until 0100.

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## LI. McMahon Awarded DSC

1st Lieut. James F. McMahon, a resident of Mt. Kisco, N. Y., who was commissioned at The Infantry School Nov. 25, 1942, has recently been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against the armed enemy, according to a recent announcement by the War Department.

According to the citation, Lieut. McMahon "on January 30, 1944, in Italy, led his company in an attack against a strongly defended German hill position. While advancing toward the enemy front line through heavy machine gun fire, minefields and barbed wire, his company was pinned down by a point-blank fire from an enemy 75-mm gun. Realizing that his company could advance no further against the enemy without supporting fire, he decided to contact friendly tanks operating in the vicinity. He started out alone under direct enemy observation and fire, and crossed approximately 400 yards of open terrain to contact the armor. He was knocked twice by the hostile 75-mm weapon, but continued his advance. Upon reaching the American tanks, he secured the use of two vehicles and led them back to his company. As the tanks cleared a path through the barbed wire and the minefield, he led his company behind the armor. Reaching the objective, he led his men in assaulting, securing and holding the position. His courageous actions under enemy fire and his aggressive leadership reflect the finest traditions of the Army of the United States."

## 3d STR Trains Orientation Experts

Under the supervision of Lt. Francis M. Wright, I and E officer, the Situation Map Committee of the Third STR's 29th Company, The Infantry School, is using a new plan to keep the maps up to date. Platoon guides, changed every three days in an OC class, are required to post the latest news.

This system gives men who have not kept news maps before valuable experience in work of this nature.

Many a new lieutenant has been faced with the job of orientation officer upon joining a unit, finding himself almost completely unprepared. This new plan gives each man who becomes a student platoon guide some knowledge of map work and, at the same time, increases his interest in current events.

## Baptists Slate Youth Revival

A Youth Revival will be sponsored by the Young People of the First Baptist church of Columbus February 4 to 9 inclusive. The meetings will be led by the Rev. Mr. Reginald Wald of Bartow, Fla., who conducted the group's regular study course last October. The meetings will consist of a round table period at 8 o'clock, P. M. Benning time, each evening, Monday through Friday, and a preaching service each evening at 9 o'clock, P. M. Benning time, Sunday through Friday.

Following the services on Wednesday evening, a reception will be held for Mr. Wald, to which everyone attending the services is invited.

Subjects Mr. Wald plans to discuss at the round table meetings are: "Soul Winning," "Sabbath Observance," "The Minister and His Message," "Social Life and Stewardship," "Why Aren't You in the Army?," "Infidels or Lunatics," "Consequences of a Careless Courtship," "A Discarded Marriage That Demands a Destiny."

The anxiously expectant father had been pacing the hospital ward nervously for hours, biting his nails and showing every sign of distress when the nurse appeared with the news that it was a baby girl.

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Military personnel living on the post or off the post with their immediate families should see that their dependents are provided with a permanent identification button obtainable from the Provost Marshal's office.

Children over the age of twelve are required to have an identification button even if their parents are residing on the Fort Benning reservation, according to a post memorandum. Children living on the reservation who attend high school in Columbus are requested to present their identification button when leaving and entering the post, even when on the school bus.

Corporal: "Do you know what a hundred times sweeter than sugar?"

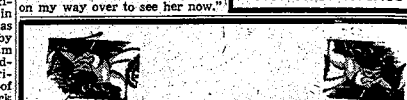
Sergeant: "Sure do—and I'm on my way over to see her now."

## SOUTHERN BELL PARTY

All employees of the Southern Bell Telephone Company now stationed at Fort Benning are invited to the company's party at the Ralston Hotel on February 14. The affair will begin at 10 p. m. EWT, and all former employees on the post are asked to contact Miss LaMirie Bass at FB 2455.

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